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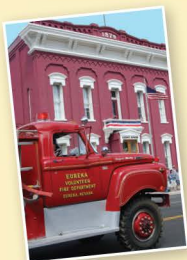
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- ▶ A Las Vegas staple, the **Classic Gaming Expo** enters its 13th year as the world's first and largest event paying tribute to the video games of yesteryear. **By Brett Weiss**
- ▶ Nevada's **Drought Response Committee** has announced all Nevada counties as being on either drought alert or drought watch. What's next?
- ▶ The **Golden Steer Steakhouse**, established in 1958, is the oldest steakhouse in Las Vegas and recently celebrated its 54th anniversary with a proclamation from the mayor that marked April 7 as Golden Steer Steakhouse Day.



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# Discover Your Nevada

Since I became editor in 2007, we at *Nevada Magazine* have made it a point to experience Nevada in such a way that our readers can live vicariously through our journeys. We've trekked through Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge's Thousand Creek Gorge, hiked to the top of Boundary Peak—the state's highest point, visited numerous ghost towns, and dined at some of the Las Vegas Strip's finest restaurants.

We write about these adventures in hopes that it will spur you, our readers, to explore Nevada.

Our most recent discovery was Columbine Campground in central Nevada; the impetus of our trip there was to witness an annular solar eclipse that occurred the evening of Sunday, May 20. Although we didn't make it to nearby Arc Dome, our other goal, it was in our sights as we settled down to view the eclipse from a high point in the Toiyabe Range.

But that's our Nevada. This issue concerns *your Nevada*. For two-plus months, the public voted for their favorite Nevada treasures—one from each of the Silver State's six "territories." Having been to all six treasures, I can say from personal experience that these attractions are worthy of the label of "treasure." Find out more about them—and how our governor and lieutenant governor are taking an active role in the Discover Your Nevada campaign—in our feature story starting on page 56.

What perfect timing Discover Your Nevada was for us, as it coincides perfectly with a *Nevada Magazine* tradition that dates to the 1990s—Best of Nevada. The winners of our 15th annual readers' survey have a "beefed-up" presence in this issue. For an appetizer, turn to page 30 and flip through our Cravings department, then see the rest of the Best of Nevada list in our other feature beginning on page 68.

If you're at all suspicious of the voting process, just visit some of the leading vote getters, and you'll find that these are legitimate "treasures" and "bests." We were convinced, for instance, when we dined on the delicious Lobster Slider appetizer at Cactus Creek Prime Steakhouse inside Reno's Bonanza Casino.

What are your favorite Nevada treasures? What are your bests? E-mail me, or write us on our Facebook page, and tell us why. We're interested to know. If we haven't already experienced it, we'd like to someday introduce it to our readers in *Nevada Magazine*. Let's make your Nevada *our Nevada*.



MATTHEW B. BROWN

Vast networks of aspen groves highlight this offshoot trail from Columbine Campground that leads to Arc Dome.



As I sat on that peak high up in the Toiyabe Range, looking down on so much of Nevada, I kept thinking about how much of the state there is to discover. I've been working at it for five years and feel like I've merely scratched this high-desert surface. Of course, I haven't visited all the places we've written about in this magazine. That's why I look forward to each and every issue—I'm constantly learning about the state and marking places on the map I want to visit, just like you.

Whether it's my, our, or your Nevada, let's continue to discover it together.

*Editor's Note:* Special thanks to the University of Nevada, Reno for providing us with special solar-eclipse viewing glasses.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL

I was so surprised to read about your visit to Miles End [B&B in the May/June 2012 Editor's Note]. John and Ann Miles are very close friends of my husband's and mine. We are even building a place in Kingston. Small world, huh? Maybe we will see you out there some time? The Kingston Jubilee was a good time last year, and I highly recommend it.

Jennifer Flynn, Carson City

### WAY TOO MUCH FUSS OVER DOGS

Why would anyone in their right mind bring their dog along on a trip to Las Vegas? Dogs should be the last thing on a person's mind when visiting the Strip. I see no point whatsoever in bringing pets to this entertainment mecca. It's ludicrous. Way too much fuss is being made over dogs lately. What's going on?

Don Manning, Reno

### MORE MUSEUM COVERAGE?

Has *Nevada Magazine* ever featured Nevada's small museums? I have only visited three such sites—Dayton (inside the oldest schoolhouse in Nevada), Tonopah, and Austin. I suspect there are others that would also interest your readers. Such a feature would also coordinate well with the Discover Your Nevada campaign.

Don Dallas, Reno

Don, we encourage you and others with an interest in museums to pick up our January/February 2012 back issue. Also, we spotlight a rural museum in every issue's Up Front section. Readers, Don is referring to the Dayton Museum, Central Nevada Museum (in Tonopah), and Austin Museum. You can read about Central Nevada Museum in this issue and [nevadamagazine.com](http://nevadamagazine.com), and we will consider the other two museums for future Up Front sections. Thanks, Don!

EDITOR



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### CORRECTIONS—MAY/JUNE 2012

■ The Neon Museum images on page 64 are outdated, as The Neon Boneyard Park was renovated nearly two years ago. Also, the Silver Slipper sign no longer resides in the Boneyard and has been restored to its former glory and installed on Las Vegas Boulevard (see photo).

■ It was incorrectly reported that Tony Hsieh, CEO of Zappos.com, is a billionaire. He is a millionaire.

■ The byline for the "Burrowing Owl" story should have read Vern Hee.

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### JENNIFER RACHEL BAUMER

Ocean-born and desert-bred, Jennifer R. Baumer loves to write about Nevada—its economy, people, places, and arts. For this issue, she writes about her photographer friend Robert Rollins' fascination with Fort Churchill State Historic Park. Baumer's love of writing led her to form a Nevada corporation writing agency, Ink Communications ([ink-communications.blogspot.com](http://ink-communications.blogspot.com)), through which she writes the majority of her nonfiction, and a significant number of her short stories and novels are set in and around Reno and Northern Nevada.

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### ROBERT ROLLINS



Robert Rollins is a self-taught landscape photographer who has traveled Nevada and the country with his wife, Ida, searching for the perfect shot and the perfect conditions. Rollins got started in photography in the

1990s, with a career as a wedding photographer, but landscape photography allows him to get into the wilds of Nevada where it might take several months for the perfect lighting and weather conditions to come together to frame a unique landscape. Case in point: his fabulous fall photos of Fort Churchill State Historic Park that grace our pages. Rollins' work has been featured at Reno's Sierra Arts and Richardson Gallery of Fine Art.

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### BOB LUSSIER



Bob Lussier is a Boston-based photographer and long-distance runner. His fascination with the Nevada desert started in 2004, when he ran across U.S. Highway 50 between Fallon and Austin during the TREK USA

Charity Relay Run from San Francisco to Boston. "I knew right away that I wanted to go back to Nevada," he says. "I wanted to experience Highway 50 as a photographer...not as a runner." When he is not training for marathons, Lussier can often be found photographing the 19th-century textile mills along the Merrimack River near his home in Methuen, Massachusetts. See more of his work at [lussierphoto.com](http://lussierphoto.com).

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KNOW YOUR NEVADA

Few views are as glorious as a Lake Tahoe sunset, and there are 72 miles of mostly public shoreline from which to enjoy one.

PHOTO: TONY VITALI

## Summer Has Arrived in the Silver State

Dear Friends,

Summer in Nevada is the perfect time to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends. There are many exciting places across the state to visit, and the Lake Tahoe area has long been one of my favorites. The beautiful and breathtaking world-famous lake and its surrounds have something for the whole family, whether you're looking for fun in the sun, a place to kick back and relax, or something in between.

The marinas that dot the shoreline offer many ways to get out on the water, including parasailing, jet skiing, and sport fishing. Of course, relaxing on the beach and enjoying the sun, sand, and waves are enjoyable activities as well. Lake Tahoe has marvelous beaches—including Nevada Beach, Round Hill Pines, and Zephyr Cove Resort on its southeast shore—that are perfect family spots where you can bring your own picnic or use one of the public barbecues. Farther north, you can attend the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival (July 13-August 26) after spending the day at the beach at Sand Harbor.

If being on the water sounds like fun, you can catch a ride on the historic *M.S. Dixie II* paddle wheeler, one of the best cruises on Lake Tahoe.



Lt. Gov. Brian K. Krolicki

You can enjoy brunch, dinner, and dancing as you navigate Lake Tahoe and circle Emerald Bay, or be your own captain and take a kayak or canoe out and explore the many coves closer to shore.

"Land lubbers" will enjoy the many hiking and biking trails that surround the lake. Backpacking on the Tahoe Rim Trail, camping at Nevada Beach, exploring the tunnels at Thunderbird Lodge, or taking a guided horseback trail ride are just some of the adventures that await. You'll enjoy marvelous views of Lake Tahoe while exploring the majestic Sierra Nevada.

Finally, be sure to take a stroll down to the casino corridor in Stateline. There are activities here to keep you entertained all day, including outdoor concerts that feature some of the hottest tickets in town. End your day at one of casino row's many top-rated restaurants that offer some of the best views of the lake.

These are just a few of the reasons my family treasures Lake Tahoe. I encourage all of you to discover Nevada and find your favorite spot. ■

**Brian K. Krolicki**

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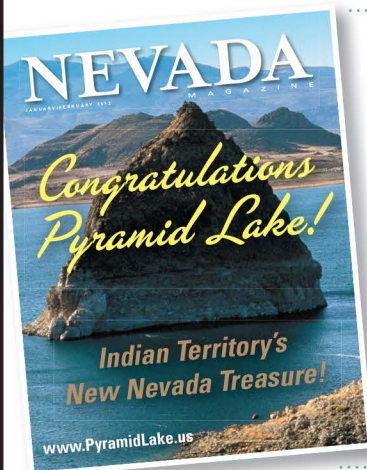
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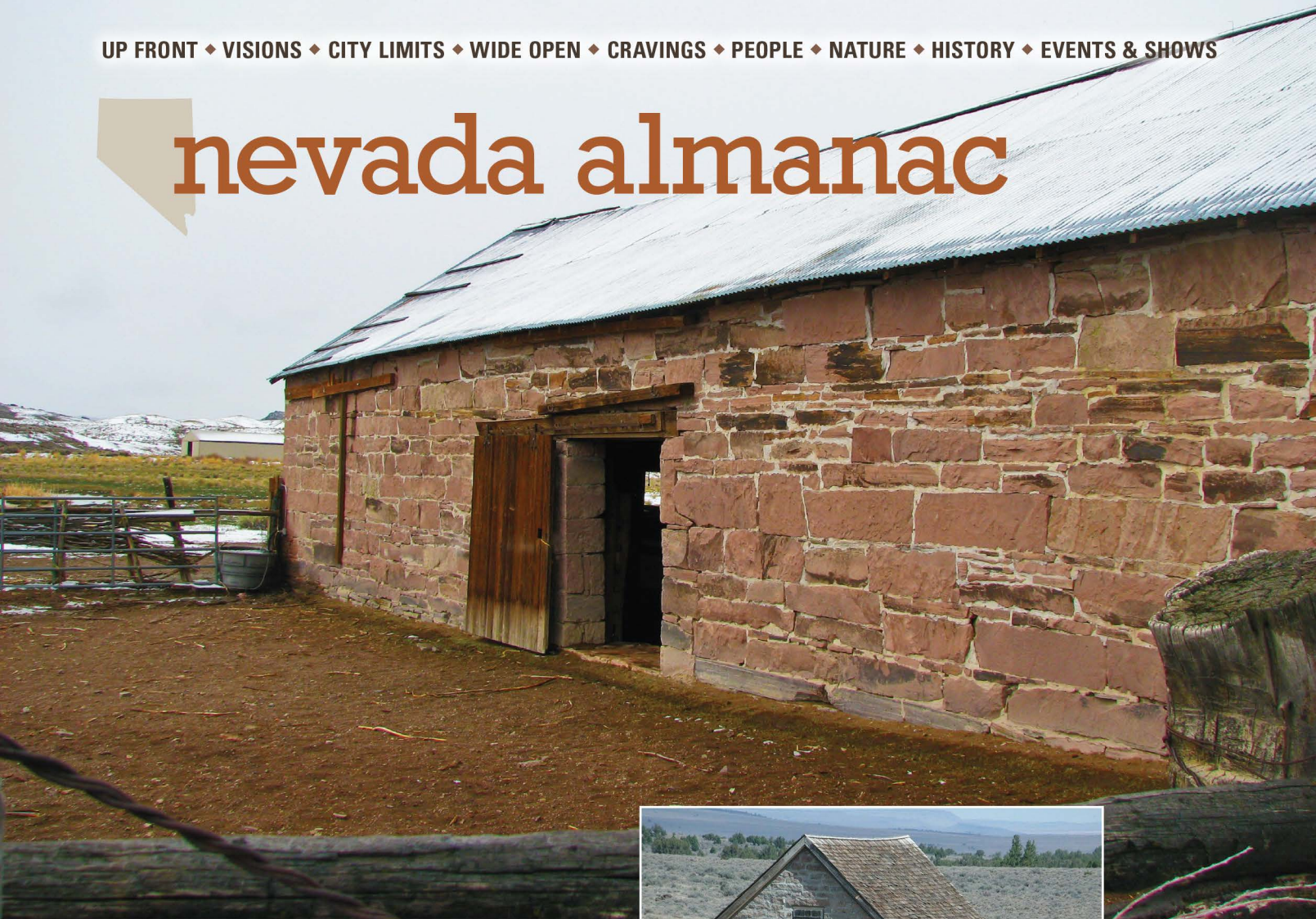
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Passed by Congress on May 20, 1862, the Homestead Act allotted 160 Western acres to each settler who agreed to cultivate them for five years. Nevada settlements such as the Dufurrena Ranch and Last Chance Ranch (pictured above and right, respectively) are reminders of this pioneer era. Search “homesteads” at [flickr.com/usfwsnhq/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/usfwsnhq/) to see more photos.



## Historic Cabins Recall Pioneer Courage and Grit

The landmark U.S. law that fueled a Western land rush and helped define the American spirit celebrated its 150th birthday in May. And across the West, settler cabins that owe their existence to the 1862 Homestead Act still stand testament to their owners’ luck and perseverance...or hardship and failure.

Dufurrena Ranch and Last Chance Ranch, both located in Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge, are two of these historic homesteads. The original owner of Dufurrena Ranch was William Ebeling. Ebeling and his mother immigrated to the United States in 1871 and moved to Humboldt County in 1890,

when they filed a claim of 160 acres at what is now the Dufurrena Ranch/Sheldon Refuge Headquarters in the eastern part of the vast northwestern Nevada refuge.

George B. Hapgood regarded the 19th-century Last Chance Ranch, which he built near a high desert spring, as his last chance to raise livestock. He eventually built a stone addition onto the original wood-planked dwelling. The refuge rehabilitated the ranch house exterior from 2000-2001. Visitors are welcome to drive to the ranch to explore it. It is located in the western part of the refuge. The interior is unfinished and unfurnished. ▀





# Up Front

## MUSEUM

### Lovelock's Marzen House Steps Back in Time

Occupying a home built in 1874, the Marzen House Museum in Lovelock is as much a historical artifact as those displayed in its exhibits, which range from ancient American Indian tools and personal items and records from families who have populated Lovelock since its founding to relics from the California Trail and a bevy of antique farming and mining equipment in an adjacent barn.

Some of the most significant items in the museum's collection include ancient tule duck decoys from the region's earliest native inhabitants, plus belongings of former Lovelock resident Edna Purviance, who starred alongside Charlie Chaplin in early 20th-century films. [lovelock.com](http://lovelock.com), 775-273-4949



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## BOWLING

### Have a (Bowling) Ball in Reno and Las Vegas

The Satellite Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame (pictured at left) opened earlier this year in downtown Reno's National Bowling Stadium. The first satellite of the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame in Arlington, Texas, the Reno facility features permanent and rotating exhibits from the Texas museum's collection. Items on display include century-old American Bowling Congress medals, balls wielded by famous bowlers, and vintage items ranging from shoes to lane gauges.

Scheduled to debut at the museum in early July, "Pin Setting" by local artist Eileen Gay is an eight-foot-long, seven-foot-high, 700-pound sculpture of a pin and sparkling ball. "There are so many beautiful colors in bowling balls," Gay said in an April *Reno Gazette-Journal* article. "I [want] to do a rainbow effect." [bowlingmuseum.com](http://bowlingmuseum.com), [nationalbowlingstadium.org](http://nationalbowlingstadium.org), 775-335-8870



Drink & Drag (bottom left) opened in downtown Las Vegas' Fremont Street district on the second floor of the Neonopolis building earlier this year. The venue offers 16 bowling lanes (four of which are private), billiards, air hockey, table-top board games, interactive gaming chairs, and, perhaps most notable of all, an all "drag queen" staffed bar, the first of its kind in the country. [drinkanddrag.com](http://drinkanddrag.com), 702-489-3724



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◆ **The Take it to the Lake Half Marathon** near Ely is scheduled for Saturday, September 22. The 13.1-mile race, the first official half marathon in Ely, will start at the Ely Elk Viewing Area on U.S. Highway 93 and continue north on the highway before turning east on State Route 486 and finishing at Cave Lake State Park. Registration is \$50 until August 22, \$60 through September 20, and \$70 at packet pick-up on September 21. [elyhalfmarathon.com](http://elyhalfmarathon.com)

◆ Local clothing company **Reno eNvy** is now home to a regional visitors center in its Sierra Street store. The partnership with the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority puts a visitors center in the heart of downtown Reno and saves the RSCVA from having to pay to staff a stand-alone facility. [renoenvy.com](http://renoenvy.com), 775-682-3800



## TRANSPORTATION

### Las Vegas' McCarran International Airport Opens Terminal 3

Following years of construction and the relocation of a major Las Vegas thoroughfare, McCarran International Airport's \$2.4-billion Terminal 3 is scheduled to open in three phases throughout the summer. The spacious three-story building features 14 gates, a ticketing lobby, baggage claim, security checkpoints on two levels, an eight-level parking structure, and an automated underground transit system. With international flights up 27 percent during the last six months of 2011 compared to the same period in 2010, the new terminal is expected to be at capacity during certain peak travel times this summer. [mccarran.com](http://mccarran.com), 702-261-5211

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## PARK

### A Riverside Oasis in Laughlin Receives a Facelift

Fisherman's Access Park, along the Colorado River downstream from Davis Dam and near the town of Laughlin, recently received a \$5-million remodel thanks to the efforts of Riverside Resort Hotel & Casino owner Don Laughlin and the Nevada Department of Wildlife. Laughlin, the man, helped build the park in 1983, installing a boat dock, launch ramp, landscaping, and parking for public use. Improvements in the latest remodel include improved access to the Riverwalk and Laughlin Regional Heritage Greenway Trail, a reconstructed launch ramp, new law enforcement and public docks, picnic ramadas, and an area for people to fish from the bank. [visitlaughlin.com](http://visitlaughlin.com), 800-452-8445





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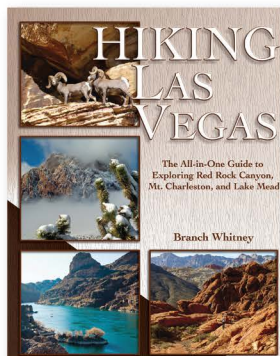
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## HIKING

### Hiking Las Vegas with the 52 Peak Club

Hiker, outdoorsman, and author Branch Whitney fell in love with the mountains surrounding the Las Vegas Valley after moving to the region in the early 1980s. Since then, he has taken it upon himself to share those wild places with fellow Las Vegas and the world. In addition to his best-selling guidebook—*Hiking Las Vegas*, which was updated in 2011 to include 43 additional hikes—Whitney also founded the 52 Peak Club, a group that motivates its members to improve their fitness by climbing Whitney's 52 favorite peaks in the region, such as Mount Charleston, Mummy Mountain, and Rainbow Peak.



Why 52? Because there are 52 cards in a deck of playing cards, and Whitney specially designed a deck with the photo of each peak on a specific card as added incentive for members to climb all 52 peaks. Participants pay a one-time \$10 sign-up fee and receive each of their cards when they reach the summit of the corresponding peak. Completion of all 52 summits carries the added reward of a one-year membership (an almost \$70 value) to [hikinglasvegas.com](http://hikinglasvegas.com), the foremost website for Las Vegas hiking information. [52peakclub.com](http://52peakclub.com), [branchwhitney.com](http://branchwhitney.com)

### Tahoe Trail Bars Fuel Local Athletes

What began almost a decade ago as a small-batch energy bar, available only at a South Lake Tahoe espresso bar, is quickly becoming the favorite on-the-go snack of athletes and outdoor enthusiasts throughout the Lake Tahoe and Reno region.

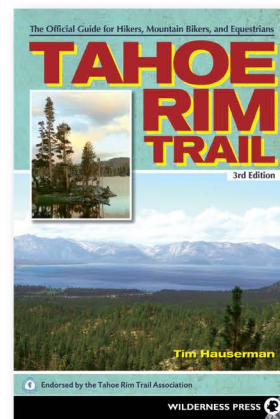
Wes King, who purchased Tahoe Trail Bar two years ago, has grown the company to include distribution at more than 45 local retailers. Fans of the energy bars cite their wholesome ingredients, great taste, and substantial size (nearly twice as large as big name products such as Clif Bars). In addition to local retailers who carry them, Tahoe Trail Bars can be purchased online and shipped anywhere in the country. [tahoetrailbar.com](http://tahoetrailbar.com)



### Tahoe Rim Gets New Trails and an Updated Guidebook

The Tahoe Rim Trail Association recently completed more than 20 miles of new trail on the south and north sides of Lake Tahoe. On Kingsbury Grade, a trail and loop connector were built to replace a section of the TRT that followed a paved road, and a three-mile trail now connects the top of Kingsbury Grade with the new Van Sickle Bi-State Park, within a stone's throw of the casinos at Stateline. On the north side of the lake, volunteers built a new trail to replace the dirt road to Relay Peak, the highest point on the Tahoe Rim Trail at 10,338 feet. The trail also passes within a few steps of Galena Falls.

"The new trails are awesome and a real tribute to the trail-building skills of the Tahoe Rim Trail Association's volunteers," says Tim Hauserman, author of the official guide to the Tahoe Rim Trail. "There are great lake views, two waterfalls, and some amazing rock formations on these trails which open up a lot of new terrain." For detailed information on the trails, the third edition of *Tahoe Rim Trail: The Official Guide for Hikers, Mountain Bikers, and Equestrians* will be in bookstores this summer or can be purchased online from the Tahoe Rim Trail Association. [tahoerimtrail.org](http://tahoerimtrail.org), 775-298-0012





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## Fall-ing For Fort Churchill's Ruins

Photos by Robert Rollins

Weather conditions and lighting are among the most important considerations in Nevada landscape photography, according to Robert Rollins, who has developed a deep admiration for Fort Churchill State Historic Park's stark beauty.

The Reno photographer visited the site numerous times during a four-year period and determined that optimal lighting conditions occur there in October. Several magnificent autumn desert storms coupled with a large degree of patience and an endless appreciation of the Nevada desert combined to produce these timeless images of the ruins. Rollins, who specializes in landscape and nature photography, used a Mamiya Medium Format 645/Sinar 4x5 camera.

Construction of Fort Churchill was completed in 1861, in response to increasing disputes between Indians and settlers. For a short time, it was an active U.S. Army fort guarding the Pony Express and Overland Telegraph routes, but it was abandoned by 1870. The ruins became part of the Nevada Division of State Parks in 1957.

The park is located on Alternative U.S. 95, eight miles south of Silver Springs along the Carson River. —Jennifer Rachel Baumer

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## Highway 50 Nights

It took eight years for Bob Lussier to make it back to Nevada, but it was worth the wait. In 2004, he participated in a relay running event from San Francisco to Boston. "Of those 25 days, the two most memorable for me were the two days we spent running through Nevada on [U.S. Highway] 50," says Lussier, from Massachusetts. "I knew right away that I wanted to go back to Nevada...as a photographer, not as a runner."

We saw a sampling of Lussier's photos on Google+, and had to see more. Austin—on this page is a night view of the central Nevada town and its historic Stokes Castle—was his home base for four days of photo shoots. "My days were filled with long drives to remote ghost towns, with several stops along the way to shoot the desert landscape," Lussier adds. "In the evenings, I turned my camera to the town of Austin itself." He thanked Cindy Garcia, owner of Cozy Mountain Motel, for her guidance and hospitality.

View more Nevada photos, with descriptions, at [lussierphoto.com/nevada](http://lussierphoto.com/nevada).

PHOTOS BY BOB LUSSIER

See more of Lussier's work at [lussierphoto.com](http://lussierphoto.com).





**ART DIRECTOR'S CHOICE**

Each issue, Art Director Tony deRonnebeck will choose a photo from our Nevada Photographers Facebook group to be showcased on this page.

**The Mighty Colorado**

Christine Hurd, Skip Wagner, and Jim Berryman-Shafer (left to right) paddle down the Colorado River through Black Canyon. "Starting at Hoover Dam, the trip lasted for a day and a half, ending at Willow Beach," says photographer Laura DeSimone, from Reno. "Slotted canyons and hot springs provided for fun explorations along the way." The excursion—the foursome obtained rafting permits through Desert River Outfitters—included a number of desert bighorn sheep sightings as well, DeSimone adds.

PHOTO BY LAURA DeSIMONE

**Rail of a Time**

Sand Mountain, east of Fallon, is a warm-weather playground for off-road enthusiasts such as Josh Sykes of Reno. "He builds sand rails, including the one in the photo," says Spring Creek photographer Dini Esplin, who captured this image last year during Memorial Day Weekend.

PHOTO BY DINI ESPLIN

See more of Esplin's work at [diniseye.com](http://diniseye.com).

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## Las Vegas' Original Resort

The Golden Gate Hotel & Casino's expansion and remodel bring the 106-year-old resort to the forefront of the rebirth of downtown.

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

To say that a lot has changed in downtown Las Vegas since Hotel Nevada first opened its doors in 1906 would be a major understatement. For a little perspective, consider that telephone service was another year from reaching the desert burg, Fremont Street wasn't paved (that would come nearly two decades later), the local newspaper called the hotel's 10-foot-by-10-foot, non-air-conditioned rooms "first class" and "as comfortable...as can be found anywhere," and \$1 provided guests of Hotel Nevada—known as the Golden Gate Hotel & Casino today—room and board for a night.

As remarkable as the changes Las Vegas has seen in 106 years are, the changes the property itself has undergone are every bit as extraordinary. From its early days as the two-story Hotel Nevada to a stint as Sal Sagev (Las Vegas spelled backwards) following the 1931 legalization of gambling in

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"Now, more than a century later, we're proud to be a vibrant part of [downtown's] dramatic renaissance."

—Derek Stevens, co-owner and CEO

Nevada, and from a Rat Pack hangout to its current place at the forefront of downtown Las Vegas' revitalization, the Golden Gate is a lasting embodiment of the ever-evolving city. "When it opened in 1906, Golden Gate signaled the birth of downtown Las Vegas," says co-owner and CEO Derek Stevens. "Now, more than a century later, we're proud to be a vibrant part of [downtown's] dramatic renaissance."

The latest changes at Las Vegas' original hotel-casino, set for completion by the time this issue hits newsstands, aspire to provide a contemporary new look while maintaining the same



## 106 YEARS



## ON FREMONT STREET



1906

Hotel Nevada opens at the corner of Fremont and 4th Streets.



1907

The first telephone in Las Vegas is installed at Hotel Nevada.



1910

Hotel Nevada puts away its roulette and poker tables when gambling is outlawed in Nevada.



1925

Fremont Street is paved.



1927

Hotel Nevada installs an outdoor electric sign on Fremont Street.



1931

Gambling is legalized in Nevada, and Hotel Nevada expands and changes its name to Sal Sagev (Las Vegas spelled backwards).



1937

San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge (the casino's namesake landmark) opens to traffic.



1955

A group of Bay Area investors purchases Sal Sagev and changes its name to Golden Gate Casino.



1964

The hotel portion is expanded, and a metal screen façade is built to conceal the historical exterior.



1990

The Golden Gate is restored to its original appearance.



1995

The Fremont Street Experience opens, transforming old Las Vegas into an "urban theater."

vintage vibe. What guests will readily notice about the resort's first major expansion in almost 50 years are the preserved historic exterior with new pinstripe lighting accents and the new five-story luxury tower, which includes 14 hotel suites and two penthouses that comprise the entire fifth floor.

Downstairs, an expanded casino floor features a new high-limit gaming area and the resort's signature Dancing Dealers, a modern throwback to the brash and beautiful flappers of the Roaring '20s.

The Golden Gate's new lobby is decorated with artifacts from its storied past, including a registration book from 1907 and an antique Kellogg telephone. A new lobby-adjacent porte-cochère—or carriage porch—promises to provide the "most convenient valet parking [in] downtown [Las Vegas]."

The existing 106 boutique-hotel rooms at Golden Gate have also received facelifts and offer modern amenities—such as pillow-top mattresses, flat-screen TVs, iPod docking stations, and Keurig coffee makers—while maintaining a vintage Vegas ambience. "This property has been characterized by a unique excitement and mystique from day one," Stevens says. "And we can't wait to start the next chapter in this wonderful Las Vegas story."



## LAS VEGAS' ORIGINAL SHRIMP COCKTAIL

In 1959, the Golden Gate Hotel & Casino's Shrimp Bar & Deli introduced shrimp cocktails for 50 cents each, and the bargain-priced snacks soon became a Las Vegas staple. Golden Gate has served more than 40 million to date and has managed to keep the price low (\$2.99 today) because the staggering volume served—about a ton of shrimp a week—gives the modestly sized property the buying power of its mega-resort counterparts.



# Renovation Fever

Downtown Las Vegas and the Strip continue to evolve.

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

The Golden Gate Hotel & Casino isn't the only Las Vegas property that is expanding and reinventing itself. From downtown to the Strip, remodeled rooms, new attractions, and the boutique-hotel craze are taking hold.

Last year, the Plaza Hotel & Casino completed a top-to-bottom renovation, updating and improving its more than 1,000 rooms, hotel lobby, casino floor, and all of its restaurants and bars. Oscar's Steakhouse, which debuted as part of the massive overhaul, is the brainchild of former Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman and sits inside the Plaza's iconic dome. The restaurant is old-school Las Vegas and specializes in "Beef, Booze, and Broads" with aged cuts of top-quality beef, hand-crafted cocktails including Goodman's signature martinis, and glamorous and beautiful hostesses that moonlight as dinner companions. [plazahotelcasino.com](http://plazahotelcasino.com), 800-634-6575

Downtown Las Vegas' Fitzgeralds is in the final stages of its transformation into the D Casino Hotel. Extensive renovations of the property are on pace for completion in the fall and promise to deliver a "fresh, energetic attitude and fun atmosphere." The updated resort will feature daily live entertainment, a two-level casino, 638 remodeled rooms and suites, and two new high-energy bars. The first floor of the casino will feature the latest in slots and table games, and the second floor will invite guests to step back in time to enjoy vintage slots and an original Las Vegas vibe. [thed.com](http://thed.com), 702-388-2400

Caesars Palace and Nobu Hospitality are on track to debut the boutique-style Nobu Hotel, Restaurant, and Lounge at Caesars Palace. The 180-room boutique hotel and spacious 9,500-square-foot res-



Oscar's Steakhouse at Plaza Hotel & Casino (inset)

taurant and lounge will occupy the former Centurion Tower following a multimillion-dollar refurbishment and are slated to open in the fall. [caesarspalace.com](http://caesarspalace.com), 866-227-5938

A 2013 opening is projected for The Linq, a \$500-million retail, dining, entertainment, and hospitality district across from Caesars Palace on the Strip. The focal point of the 200,000-square-foot attraction will be a giant observation wheel—the 550-foot Las Vegas High Roller. The wheel

will be the tallest in the world, with 28 cabins accommodating up to 40 people each. A new casino where the former O'Shea's once stood will lead to The Linq.

The funding for Stockbridge Capital Group to redevelop the former Sahara Hotel & Casino, which currently sits vacant at the north end of the Las Vegas Strip, was approved earlier this year. After the projected \$300-million overhaul, the property is set to reopen in early 2014 as SLS Las Vegas. [slshotels.com](http://slshotels.com), 702-737-2111



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Actor Robert De Niro (left) is a shareholder in Nobu Matsuhisa's (right) Las Vegas venture.



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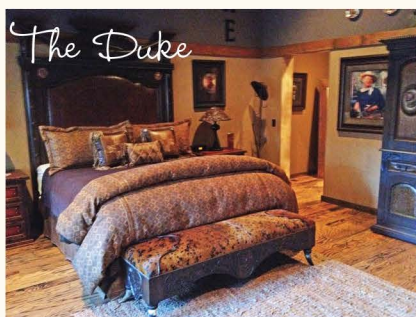
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# Remembered in Alamo

Phyllis Frias honors her late husband by building a luxurious rural Nevada B&B—but she didn't stop at one.

BY GREG McFARLANE

Thanks to an industrious Las Vegas widow and her band of tireless and devoted employees, a formerly nondescript stretch of U.S. Highway 93 boasts two uniquely Nevadan places to stay—the sumptuous A Cowboy's Dream Bed & Breakfast and the bucolic Windmill Ridge Restaurant & Lodging.

The establishments sit barely half a mile apart on the northern outskirts of Alamo, a placid Pahrangat Valley ranching hamlet in which life and work have remained visibly unchanged for decades. Together, the resorts are helping to transform the valley into a destination in its own right.

Both properties—A Cowboy's Dream built from scratch and Windmill Ridge purchased and modernized—are the culmination of one prominent Nevada couple's love affair with their adopted state.

## A COWBOY'S DREAM BED & BREAKFAST

A Cowboy's Dream is the brainchild of Las Vegas philanthropist Phyllis Frias. It's also a monument to her late husband, Charlie, the cowboy referenced in its name. The Friases enjoyed a marriage of more than half a century of companionship, accomplishment, and adventure.

Originally from San Antonio, they moved to a still largely untamed Nevada in the late 1950s, settling in Las Vegas. Charlie got a job driving a taxi, and within four years owned the cab company. A couple decades later, he had become a local magnate and a household name.

Today, Frias Transportation operates more than 1,000 cabs and limousines, and the company continues to prosper. While building a fortune, the Friases also gained renown for their altruism. A Las Vegas city park, fire station, and elementary school each bear the Frias name.

Like most Las Vegans, Charlie resided here by choice, rather than by birth. He was especially taken by Nevada's vast rural expanses. It's almost impossible to find a photo of Charlie in which he isn't wearing a wide-brimmed hat and riding boots.

After a long and eventful life, Charlie died in 2006. Phyllis was left with not only a lifetime of happy memories, but a mission. She wanted to develop a destination that captured the Nevada spirit that Charlie embodied—bold yet comfortable, rustic yet refined, with plenty of elbow-room and a picturesque backdrop. Today, that destination sits less than a two-hour drive north of Las Vegas.

At 26,000 square feet, the ranch-style Cowboy's Dream is immense. From a distance, it looks like a custom-built multilevel luxury home, only one constructed on a colossal scale. Yet it fits seamlessly into its surroundings of Alamo farms and homesteads. If not for the majestic roadside sign in the shape of a Prairie schooner, it'd be easy to miss the resort from U.S. 93.

Lincoln County's sparse population drew the Friases here, and that's reflected in the layout of the resort. It has only eight guest suites, each decorated in its own signature motif. This isn't the faux fashion of assembly-line rhinestones and cowboy boots that have seen more polish than mud. This is authentically and forever western.

Accentuating the warmth and charac-





## *A Cowboy's Dream Bed & Breakfast*

ter of A Cowboy's Dream, each room is identified by a name instead of a number. There's the Annie Oakley suite, replete with sketches and antique playbills bearing the image of the legendary marks-woman. The Duke features a masculine color palette and John Wayne memorabilia. The Roundup is resplendent in its equine décor and original artwork showcasing horses and the men who ride them. The room's twin beds are decked out in leather and cherry wood. The similarly appointed Rodeo suite pays homage to the Old West, its design timeless and historic.

The Alamo reflects an integral part of American history, 1,200 miles from its Texas namesake (coincidentally in Charlie

Frias' hometown), with adobe walls, exposed brick, and a vivid southwestern theme. Across the courtyard is its counterpart, The Longhorn, festooned with images of the quintessential Texan cattle breed.

And because any good cowboy (or cowgirl) takes time from roping steers to show his love for the woman who gave him everything, the roster of rooms is rounded out with a pair dedicated to the memories of the mothers of Charlie and Phyllis. The Bessie T. Frias suite is a roomy 900 square feet of warm floral patterns and earth-toned accoutrements, while the Alma Chamblin suite is adorned in delicate shades of white, azure, and robin's-egg blue. Each of the eight suites opens to the

self-contained courtyard and has individual patios and rocking chairs.

The elegant guest quarters notwithstanding, it's the communal areas of A Cowboy's Dream that make the resort shine. A bunkhouse offers a wet bar, card and pool tables, darts, and a big-screen TV. The sunlit Great Hall features a library, dining room, large kitchen, and a wrap-around porch that serves as an informal gathering place for the small clogder of well-behaved outdoor cats that have chosen to make the resort their home.

The adjacent outdoor oasis is replete with a rope hammock, chuck wagon, barbecue pits, fire ring with circular seating, and an unsullied view of the mountains that roll away in every direction.



PHOTOS: GREG McFARLANE

## *Windmill Ridge Restaurant & Lodging*

### WINDMILL RIDGE RESTAURANT & LODGING

Where A Cowboy's Dream is lavish, Windmill Ridge is homey and unassuming but every bit as welcoming.

Windmill Ridge's accommodations consist of 25 detached "cabins" (the quotation marks are required to elevate them from the primitive log structures usually associated with that name). Each cozy Windmill Ridge cabin is a miniature kitchen-less house, with its own layout and loaded



with the domestic touches that make a house a 21st-century home, such as flat-screen TVs. Wireless Internet is available in the restaurant and adjacent meeting room. The cabins are set back far enough from the highway that the night's sleep for all guests is a peaceful one.

On a per capita basis, Windmill Ridge hosts more day-trippers than does its more lavish counterpart. They include world-weary Las Vegans looking to decompress, hardy southern Utahans on the hunt for wildflowers or petroglyphs, and plenty of long-haul truckers and utility company employees who love the property's easy access and generous parking; to say nothing of its prime location. ▀

### Getting There

Alamo is on U.S. Highway 93, east of Tonopah and north of Las Vegas.



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### A Cowboy's Dream Bed & Breakfast

95 Hand Me Down Rd., PO Box 357,  
Alamo, NV 89001  
cowboysdream.com  
775-725-3500  
Nightly Rates: \$159-\$499

#### Windmill Ridge Restaurant & Lodging

2111 Windmill Circle, PO Box 630,  
Alamo, NV 89001  
wind-mill-ridge.com  
775-725-3686  
Nightly Rates: \$89-\$139



## KEN LANGLEY

Alamo's double-duty chef brings culinary class to rural Nevada.

RANDALL BRUCE

Alamo's resident chef Ken Langley, who commutes from Rachel, is also a talented piano player.

Any intriguing destination needs a resident raconteur/bon vivant. That role is filled at A Cowboy's Dream and Windmill Ridge, both in Alamo, by Ken Langley, whom despite his effusive warmth and sincerity is the kind of person who can make you feel inadequate for not being able to regale an audience as effortlessly as he can.

The lifelong chef and captivating storyteller serves as the executive chef at A Cowboy's Dream and the food and beverage manager at Windmill Ridge, shuttling between the two several times throughout the day. Such drives are nothing to Langley, though, who commutes 100 miles roundtrip from his home in the burg of Rachel—northwest of Alamo via the Extraterrestrial Highway, State Route 375.

An Indiana native, Langley ran a successful catering business in Atlanta after serving in the U.S. Air Force. He graduated from the American Culinary Institute, and his handiwork so impressed the then chief operating officer of Ritz-Carlton Worldwide that the man hired Langley on the spot to be his personal chef. Langley has since added further accomplishments, such as bringing culinary and classical elegance to Alamo. In between creating salad dressings and sauces from scratch, Langley can still

find time to enchant guests with a little Debussy or Beethoven on A Cowboy's Dream's baby grand piano.

The resort's menu doesn't exist on paper; thus there's no official house specialty. But when pressed, the executive chef will admit to having a few favorite creations: salad with fresh raspberries and caramelized walnuts, lobster tail filled with fresh spinach and wrapped in phyllo dough, Mako shark au poivre flamed in Cognac and simmered in cream with green peppercorns, and white chocolate and raspberry mousse. And there's no better preliminary for the final course—apéritifs and the bands of the Milky Way, under central Nevada's aphotic skies.

Up the road at Windmill Ridge, the offerings are simpler but no less satisfying. Chargrilled chicken wraps and half-racks of chipotle barbecue ribs predominate, served in an inviting checkered-tablecloth milieu. Portions are liberal, prices staunchly conservative. But even the fried catfish hoagies and club sandwiches don't draw quite the attention that Windmill Ridge's featured attraction does. The hot, aromatic goodness of cinnamon rolls that pop out of their bakery draws visitors from throughout the county and beyond. ▀

—Greg McFarlane





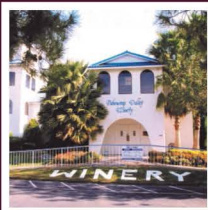
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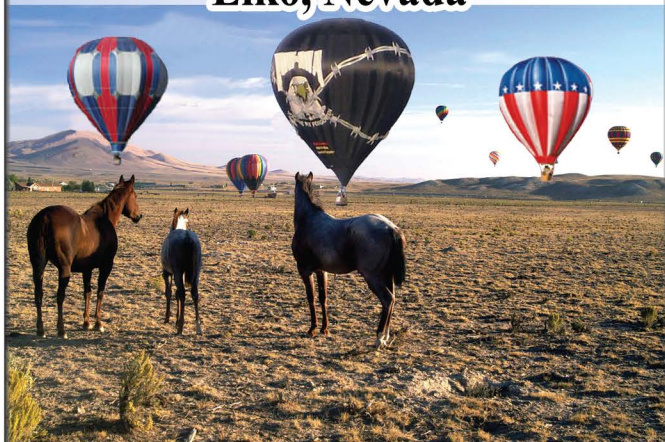
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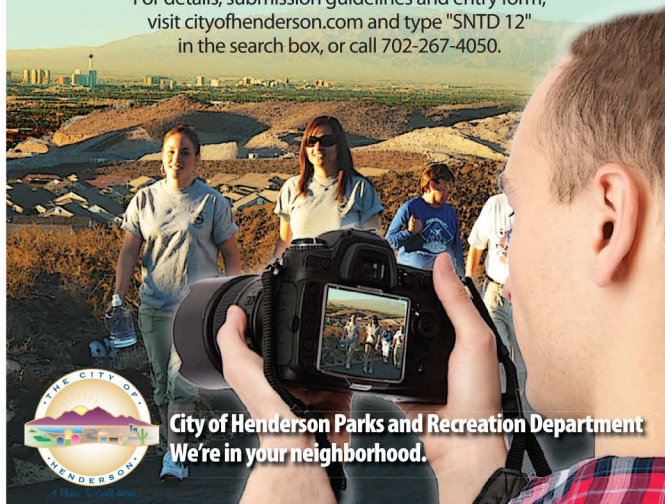
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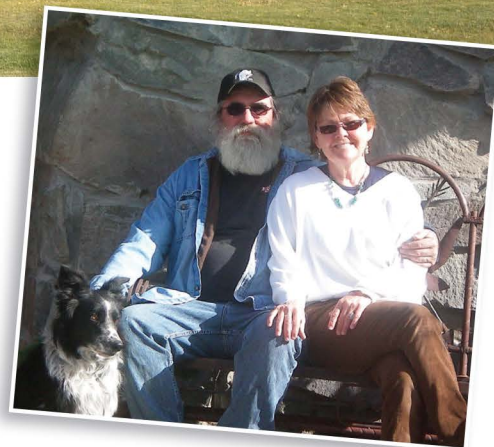




Miles End Bed and Breakfast in Kingston sits at the base of the Toiyabe Range's 11,473-foot Bunker Hill (the snow-capped peak in the photo). Ann and John Miles and their dog, Zee (right), treat guests of the three-year-old B&B like family. In addition to four cozy, modernized rooms, Miles End offers a teepee (above, lower right) that can also be rented out. The teepee includes a bed, chairs, and electricity—what Ann refers to as “glamping.”

## Miles End

“Zee is the best.”



You'll feel right at home amid the family atmosphere of Kingston's comfy bed and breakfast.

BY MATTHEW B. BROWN

It's the final day of our three-day visit to Miles End B&B in Kingston, and we already feel like family. Even the dogs are getting along splendidly well.

Riley, my Rottweiler/collie mix, is apparently at the peak of his comfort level when he decides to steal Zee's ball. Zee, a fellow collie mix, is the loyal companion of owners Ann and John Miles, who we could just as well call “mom” and “dad” at this point in our trip.

We throw the ball for Riley across Miles End's long grassy front yard, not thinking much of it. Like a scene from a

movie, Riley retrieves the ball and happily skips back across the yard.

That's before Zee gets a running start, does his best NFL linebacker impression, and smears Riley. A dejected dog and a cloud of dust later, Zee has his ball back, and Riley gives me the sort of look that says, “OK, dad, I want to go home now.”

After all, vacations can't be *perfect*, but this is literally the *only* uncomfortable moment Associate Editor Charlie Johnston and I experience at Miles End, central Nevada's self-proclaimed gateway to Kingston Canyon. In fact, we were reluctant to return to our actual

homes, after our royal treatment that included excellent food, clean and comfortable rooms, and even better company. And consider that our visit—March 8-10—came during the B&B's offseason!

Miles End is officially open spring through fall, its prime clientele being hunters, fishermen, and other general outdoor recreationists. But Miles End gets a diverse mix of visitors from around the world who just want to escape and relax. “Your home feels just like home,” “a refreshing change of scenery,” and “spent a night in paradise” are a few of the notations found in Miles End's guest book. “Everyone [signs off] with, ‘We will be back! Thank you,’” says Ann, proudly. In just



“Exactly what the doctor ordered.”

“There is no more peaceful and beautiful place than that wood-fired hot tub.”



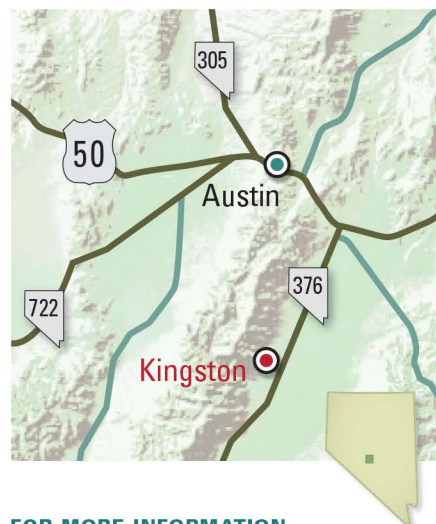
*"Top-notch! Great room, beautiful setting, and a great evening of fun!"* ♦

*"We are so lucky to have found you."* ♦

*"A refreshing change of scenery. Everything was perfect."*



MATTHEW B. BROWN



#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

##### Miles End B&B

HC 65 Box 203, Kingston, Austin, NV 89310  
milesendbnb.com  
775-964-1046  
Nightly Rates: \$100-\$140

#### UPCOMING EVENT

##### Kingston Jubilee

July 13-15

Vendors, arts and crafts, raffle, rib cook-off, horseshoe tournament, movies in the park, live music, and the Freakers Ball.

hiking the Toiyabe Crest National Recreation Trail, Miles End should be your base for outdoor adventure in and around the immense Toiyabe Range. There is even talk of a future heli-skiing operation on nearby 11,473-foot Bunker Hill.

If you get on Ann and John's good side, they might even pull out their atlas and share a few of their favorite local spots. If you bring your dog, just make sure you bring his or her favorite ball. 🐾

#### FOR MORE NEVADA B&BS

Nevada Bed & Breakfast Guild  
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The spacious country-style Miles End lodge has a private bar and a massive rock fireplace (seen in background) where guests congregate and socialize. It's also where Ann and John Miles work their culinary magic—breakfast is provided in the morning, and additional meals can be served by special arrangement.

three years since opening as a B&B, Miles End has hosted honeymoons, reunions, and weddings.

Uniquely decorated and modernly renovated rooms with names such as Kevie, Hacienda, Delayne, and Panchot beckon visitors, as does the hospitality of the owners and the great food and private cocktail bar found in the main lodge, replete with a massive stone fireplace that guests can gather around after enjoying a home-cooked meal. "Two years ago we started our gourmet dinners once per month," Ann says. "This year we started having multiple Friday night dinners."

Of course, any trip to rural Nevada is going to come with a slice of history. Miles End is the site of historic Kingston Ranch, which dates to 1860. "There is one guest room from the 1860s, although it has been substantially improved," Ann adds. And, for a taste of the Old West, the

lodge's wood-burning hot tub is a fun and quirky—yet healing—way to enjoy Kingston's dark, starry nighttime skies.

The Mileses are also heavily involved in community events, such as the annual Mother's Day Brunch, Father's Day Sporting Clay Fun Shoot, and Kingston Jubilee in July. And, in such a small community, Ann and John wear a number of different hats—literally. John is the Kingston parks director, a firefighter for the volunteer fire department, and a board member on the Kingston Management Association. Ann was recently sworn in as a Kingston Town Board member and also serves alongside John on the volunteer fire department.

Ann and John have become fixtures in the tiny hamlet since purchasing the Miles End property almost a decade ago. Whether it's fishing in the town pond or at nearby Groves Lake, exploring the vast Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, or

*"Spent a night in paradise."* ♦

*"Hospitality is the best!"* ♦

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—Quotes taken from the Miles End B&B guestbook and provided by owner Ann Miles



# Prime Dining

See why this year's Best of Nevada winning restaurants are a cut above the competition.

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

## Best Restaurant: North

The U.S. Department of Agriculture designates only about two percent of beef in the country as USDA Prime; it's the most tender, juiciest, and most flavorful beef around—the best of the best. It is only fitting that Best of Nevada winner, Cactus Creek Prime Steakhouse in north Reno's Bonanza Casino, serves 100-percent USDA Prime steaks. “When I came [to Cactus Creek] I wanted to make it the very best in Northern Nevada,” says Director of Food and Beverage and Executive Chef Chris Romm. It would appear that Romm and company have accomplished that goal, earning top billing in *Nevada Magazine's* Best of Nevada readers' survey for three consecutive years.

Romm's appreciation for great food and service started at an early age. “I grew up eating good food in fine restaurants and learned the difference between mediocre and exceptional,” he says. Cactus Creek's dedicated staff shares Romm's passion for food. “Our chefs just love to cook,” he adds.

And what they're cooking are some of the best cuts of beef available anywhere. The thick and juicy filet mignon is so tender it barely requires a knife, and rib eye topped with garlic-infused butter literally melts in your mouth. “Put our steaks side-by-side with 10 other steaks,” Romm challenges. “You'll see the difference.”

Beyond the beef, Cactus Creek is doing right by its less carnivorous guests as well. “We serve a tremendous amount of fresh fish for a steakhouse,” Romm says. That fish is always from sustainable fisheries and spends as little time between the water and diners' plates as possible, he adds. Among the many surf offerings, Lobster Slider appetizers come overflowing with a generous heap of lobster meat on a Brioche bun, drizzled in a sweet and slightly tangy herbed *buerre blanc*, a velvety French sauce with butter, white wine, and shallots. Free range, organic chicken stars in the lightly breaded, Gruyere cheese-stuffed Chicken Kiev entrée smothered in a rich Mornay cheese sauce.

Tablesides desserts (Caesar salad is also prepared tableside) bolster the restaurant's air of steakhouse sophistication and include decadent flambéed Bananas Foster with creamy vanilla ice cream.

Cactus Creek's balance between steakhouse traditions, old-world classics, and non-traditional fare is complemented well by the restaurant's creative décor. The southwest adobe-inspired dining room foregoes traditional vertical and horizontal lines in favor of whimsically winding walls, protruding corners, and atypical angles that bring to mind the work of Salvador Dali. A remodel, set for completion by the time this issue hits newsstands, will leave the décor intact while separating the steakhouse from the rest of the casino to provide greater privacy and a more intimate atmosphere for guests.

Quarterly Winemaker Dinners are a huge hit at Cactus Creek and combine Chef Romm's most inspired culinary creations with wines from favorite regional vineyards for four courses with generously poured wine pairings. ▀



### UPCOMING WINEMAKER DINNERS

Robert Keenan Winery – Monday, October 1  
Duckhorn Vineyards – Monday, December 3

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Cactus Creek Prime Steakhouse**  
Bonanza Casino  
4720 N. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89506  
cactuscreek.net  
775-323-2724





Porterhouse with Cabernet Sauvignon



Flambéed Bananas Foster



Cactus Creek Prime Steakhouse



The Steakhouse at Tropicana Laughlin



Hash House A Go Go

## MORE WINNERS

### Best Restaurant: Rural

Touted by Tropicana Laughlin as "the tri-state area's premier dining destination, complemented by a professional staff that caters to your every whim," The Steakhouse specializes in house-aged steaks and fresh seafood. But there's no need to take the resort's word for it. Readers of the local newspaper, the *Mojave Valley Daily News*, have voted it best steakhouse for 12 consecutive years.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### The Steakhouse

Tropicana Laughlin  
2121 S. Casino Dr.,  
Laughlin, NV 89029  
tropicanax.com  
888-888-8695 x.6375

### Best Restaurant: South

While Hash House a Go Go was born in San Diego in 2000, it has since become an honorary Nevada native with five popular locations in Las Vegas, Henderson, and Reno combined. The self-described "twisted farm food" eatery specializes in comfort food favorites with flair, such as the hugely popular Sage Fried Chicken & Bacon Waffle Tower with maple reduction and fried leeks, plus burgers stuffed with everything from blue crab and chili mayonnaise to mashed potatoes, bacon, and cheese.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### Hash House A Go Go

Five Locations:  
6800 W. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas,  
NV 89146, 702-804-4646

1 S. Main St. (inside the Plaza  
Hotel & Casino), Las Vegas, NV  
89101, 702-384-4646

3535 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (inside  
Imperial Palace), Las Vegas, NV  
89109, 702-254-4646

12300 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (inside  
M Resort), Henderson, NV 89044,  
702-797-1500

219 N. Center St. (inside Harrah's),  
Reno, NV 89501, 775-788-2895  
hashhouseagogo.com



### Best Buffet: Rural

A three-time Best of Nevada winner, Rum Jungle Buffet at Carson City's Casino Fandango offers a selection of more than 140 house-made dishes. Large salad and dessert sections, five "live-action stations," and an award-winning champagne brunch make it little wonder why Rum Jungle is so loved by *Nevada Magazine* readers.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### Rum Jungle Buffet

Casino Fandango  
3800 S. Carson St.,  
Carson City, NV 89701  
casinofandango.com  
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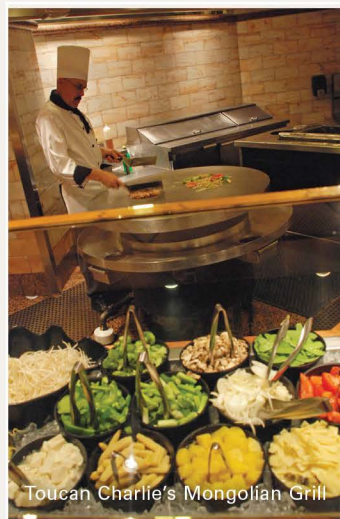
### Best Buffet: South

One of the few buffets in Nevada to offer beer and wine included in the price of meals, M Resort's Studio B Buffet in Henderson impresses diners—and Best of Nevada voters—with more than free drinks. Cooking technique demonstrations in an adjacent kitchen studio are broadcast on video monitors throughout the buffet so guests can learn something about their food as they select from the more than 200 daily appetizer, entrée, and dessert options.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### Studio B Buffet

The M Resort Spa Casino  
12300 Las Vegas Blvd. S.,  
Henderson, NV 89044  
themresort.com  
702-797-1000



Toucan Charlie's Mongolian Grill

# Smorgasbords

Your plate will runneth over at this year's Best of Nevada bountiful buffets.

STORY & PHOTOS BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

### Best Buffet: North

Toucan Charlie's Buffet & Grille at Reno's Atlantis Casino Resort Spa has been a locals' favorite practically from when it first opened in 1994. In the years since, it has amassed a heap of accolades, awards, and "bests." The seven-time *Nevada Magazine* Best of Nevada winner has certainly earned its fame.

Holding claim to the largest buffet in Northern Nevada, Toucan Charlie's truly offers something for everyone. Each of its dedicated cuisine stations has as many options as most buffets in their entirety. The Mexican food section recently received high praise from a group of journalists visiting from Mexico, and the Asian section's Mongolian Grill is a perennial favorite, where guests get custom, made-to-order Mongolian barbecue creations of their own design.

Made-to-order salads are another favorite and complement the traditional salad bar nicely. Breakfast and the ever-popular Sunday Champagne Brunch get in on the made-to-order action with an omelet bar. To read more about the buffet, visit [nevadamagazine.com](http://nevadamagazine.com).



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### FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### Toucan Charlie's Buffet & Grille

Atlantis Casino Resort Spa  
3800 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89502  
atlantiscasino.com  
800-723-6500



# Cheers to Beer

Raise a toast to the Best of Nevada breweries.

STORY & PHOTO BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

## Best Brewery: Rural

Thirsty Thursdays at High Sierra Brewing Company are like Thanksgiving, New Year's Eve, and Fourth of July all rolled into one. That's because pints of Headwater Hefeweizen, Imperial Stout, OMG India Pale Ale, and the rest of the micro-brewed lineup are \$1.95 all day until the bar closes at midnight.

In November 2010, Jim Phalan purchased a struggling downtown Carson City brewery and promptly set his sights on making it successful. Promotions such as Thirsty Thursdays and a daily five-hour happy hour have evidently helped. The heavily discounted beer and food specials gained the brewery attention, visitors, and an increasingly strong following—for a brief time, Phalan even offered pints for a scant 95 cents during happy hour, a particularly popular promotion that he indicates might be returning.

Brewmaster Joe Renden and his staff of brewers are the brains behind the primary reason more and more visitors become regulars: the beer. Expertly executed standbys such as the hoppy, assertive, and surprisingly refreshing OMG IPA and the silky, roasty, and deceptively strong Imperial Stout are available year-round; while whimsical and creative seasonal brews, such as crisp and subtly fruity Blueberry Hefeweizen and smooth and creamy Apricot Ale are set to be poured only through the summer. To read more about High Sierra Brewing Company, visit [nevadamagazine.com](http://nevadamagazine.com). ▀



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

**High Sierra Brewing Company**  
310 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701  
[highsierrabrewco.com](http://highsierrabrewco.com)  
775-884-2739

## Best Brewery: North

Home of the award-winning, wildly popular, and dangerously delicious Ichthyosaur India Pale Ale—Icky, for short—Great Basin Brewing Company is a favorite throughout Reno, Sparks, and much of the West. The brewery expanded from its original Victorian Avenue location in Sparks to include a Reno brewpub in spring 2010. Shortly after opening, the new location started bottling and distributing Icky throughout Northern Nevada. Wild Horse Ale is set to be available in bottles starting in July. Great Basin has churned out around 80 different beer varieties in the last 20 years, and it's common to find a dozen or more on tap at either location at any given time.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### Great Basin Brewing Company

*Two Locations:*

846 Victorian Ave., Sparks, NV 89431, 775-355-7711

5525 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89502, 775-284-7711  
[greatbasinbrewingco.com](http://greatbasinbrewingco.com)

## Best Brewery: South

Surely the most widely recognized of this year's Best of Nevada breweries, Gordon Biersch started in Palo Alto, California in the late 1980s. A new bottling plant allowed the brewer to start distributing its beers nationwide in the late 1990s, making Gordon Biersch a household name. Gordon Biersch produces more than 3 million gallons of beer annually and has more than 40 brewery restaurants in 18 states, including two Las Vegas locations.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### Gordon Biersch

*Two Locations:*

3987 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89169, 702-312-5247

750 S. Rampart Blvd., Ste. 16, Las Vegas, NV 89145, 702-487-6463  
[gordonbiersch.com](http://gordonbiersch.com)



# Marshall Ulrich, Idaho Springs, Colorado

A top ultramarathoner reminisces about Nevada and prepares to take on Death Valley like no other.

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

In 2008, at age 57, ultramarathoner, adventure runner, and mountaineer Marshall Ulrich ran 3,063 miles from San Francisco to New York City in a record 52 days. Slightly more than 400 miles of that journey were spent traversing “The Loneliest Road in America,” Nevada’s U.S. Highway 50. We recently caught up with Ulrich (figuratively, of course) to learn about his impressions of the Silver State and inquire about his next desert dash.

**Q:** In your 2008 record-setting cross-country run, you spent six days running across Nevada. All told, how was your time here? What are your lasting impressions?

**A:** Nevada proved to be a tough stretch, no doubt about it, but that was mostly because I was running 70 miles a day. There was intense fatigue, and I had to deal with some physical ailments. However, one of my coping mechanisms [was to] think about the surroundings as they were in the past, and the area was rich with opportunities to do this. Passing through Carson City and Austin, I daydreamed about the Old West, imagining gunslingers and women in swinging

skirts. On parts of Highway 50 when we were nowhere near a town, I thought a lot about the Pony Express and about the people who’d gone before [me].

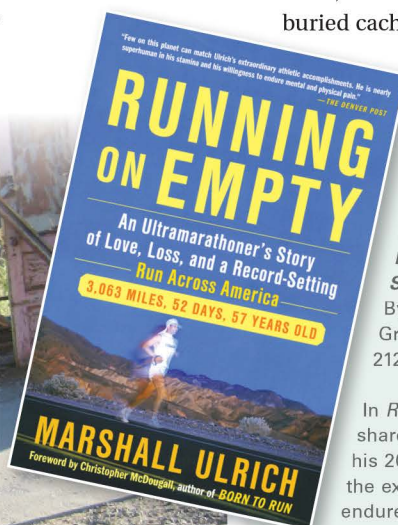
The landscape provided welcome diversion, too. Gorgeous! I’ve since [learned] that Nevada is the most mountainous state, and I suppose I might have figured that out. There were vast valleys surrounded by mountains, and Nevada was the only place where I experienced this. During the day, I was struck by the natural beauty, and, occasionally, by some unnatural beauty. Near Middlegate, we passed the shoe tree that [has since been cut down], and, from far off, I’d thought I was hallucinating because it looked a lot like a tree I’d seen in Africa. Up close, it just made me laugh, and I was happy when a member of my crew succeeded in hooking a pair of my shoes on one of the limbs. After dark, I was dazzled by the display of stars. Those were some of the most brilliant night skies I have ever seen.

**Q:** The arid expanses of the Silver State have been the bane of many a traveler since the days of the California Trail and Pony Express. How did you cope with the heat and loneliness?

**A:** Although I’m accustomed to running in extreme heat, the temperature was definitely a factor [and slowed] me down during the day. My crew was instrumental in keeping me hydrated and as cool as possible, and I sought shade when I could. The loneliness was often more difficult. Even though I was being tended to every mile by someone on my crew, I’d long for real conversation (something more than “here’s a banana” and “what else do you need?”) and time with my wife, Heather, away from the road. So I took that time where I could, and Heather knew how important this was to me—she would even stay by my side while I napped because she knew it comforted me.

**Q:** You have another major desert run starting around July 21—about the time many of our readers will see this story. Can you tell us a little about it and specifically why you chose to do it in the height of summer?

**A:** This July, my buddy Dave Heckman and I will attempt the first-ever circumambulation of Death Valley National Park. Parts of the expedition are in areas where the temperature can exceed 130 degrees; so to succeed, we’ll need to pay special attention to avoid dehydration and severe heat exhaustion. Our route will take us across the California state line into Nevada for a part of the trip. Altogether we’ll go nearly 500 miles on foot, virtually unaided, surviving on buried caches of food, water, and other supplies.



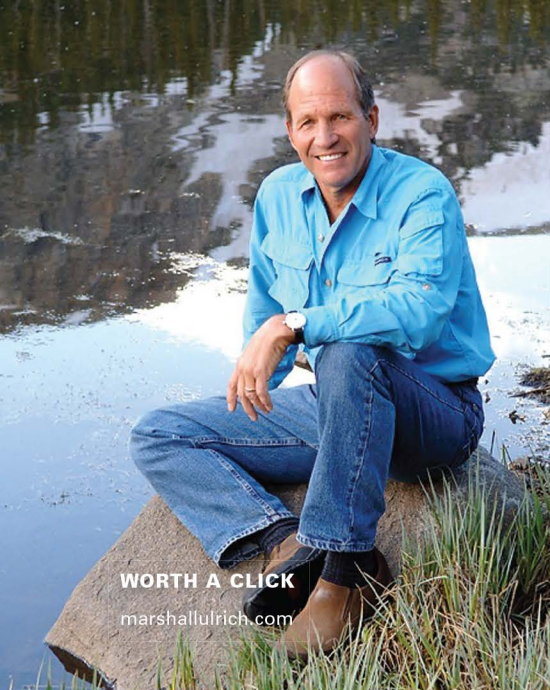
#### WORTH A READ

*Running on Empty: An Ultramarathoner's Story of Love, Loss, and a Record-Setting Run Across America*  
By Marshall Ulrich, Penguin Group Inc., penguin.com, 212-366-2000, 304 pages

In *Running on Empty* Ulrich shares the gritty back story of his 2008 cross-country run and the excruciating punishment he endured on the road.

Marshall Ulrich runs through Austin in 2008.





WORTH A CLICK

marshallulrich.com

## BOOK EXCERPT

*We'd climbed our way from the desert floor into [Austin], set among undulating hills that rise gently to the horizon and sometimes break away into steep pitches...The brick Catholic church on the hill was in such good condition that it looked as if it had been built yesterday, with its new steel green roof and steeple, topped with the traditional cross...We passed the International Café, constructed of barn lumber, its second story set with oversized windows and spilling onto a covered porch held up by rickety posts...The signs on the main-street stores and antique shops looked as old as the buildings. It seemed a wonder to me that it had all remained standing, giving a glimpse of how things used to look back in the Wild West.*

—Marshall Ulrich, *Running on Empty*

## The Back-to-School Project Helps Area Schoolchildren

In May, Jenifer Rose, creator and CEO of the Reno-based online store, It's My Community Store, partnered with iFoster—a nonprofit that provides resources and assistance for underprivileged, displaced, and foster children—to help provide back-to-school supplies for at-risk children in Nevada, California, and Idaho.

The Back-to-School Project hopes to raise \$200,000 for school supplies by the start of school in August. To donate, visit [itsmycommunitystore.com](http://itsmycommunitystore.com) and click "Donate Now!" under "The Back-to-School Project." You can also mail donations to The Back-to-School Project, 325 Harbour Cove Dr., Ste. 221, Sparks, NV 89434. Checks should be made payable to It's My Community Store or iFoster.



Jenifer Rose



## Nevada's Top Youth Volunteers for 2012

New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning congratulates Angela Foremaster, 18, of North Las Vegas (center) and Ashlee Smith, 13, of Sparks (right) on being named Nevada's top two youth volunteers for 2012 at The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards held in Washington D.C. Smith was honored for founding a nonprofit organization that has collected and distributed more than 175,000 toys for child victims of house fires and natural disasters, and Foremaster was recognized for gathering small gifts to fill 250 Christmas stockings for foster children and homeless teens in the Las Vegas area. ▀





MARTIN OLSON

# Nevada's Big Game

## Hunting Season

The desert bighorn season usually runs from late November until the beginning of January.

View the hunt application page at [ndow.org](http://ndow.org) for details about deadlines and rules. Those who draw a bighorn sheep tag must take a mandatory indoctrination class. The Nevada Wildlife Commission sets big-game quotas annually in May.

Desert (Nelson)  
Bighorn Sheep  
Habitat



## DESERT (NELSON) BIGHORN SHEEP

◆ The desert (Nelson) bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis nelsoni*)—Nevada's state animal—is a subspecies of bighorn sheep that occurs in mountain ranges mainly in the southwest. In Nevada, they are found throughout the southern, central, and western part of the state and in mountain ranges as far north as Interstate 80.

◆ The most conspicuous feature of the desert bighorn sheep is its large permanent brown horns. Both rams (males) and ewes (females) have them, though the horns of rams are much bigger and more curved. Each horn is in a "C" shape, known as a curl, and consist of a sheath of keratin (a hard protein found in fingernails and hair) covering a boney core.

◆ The desert bighorn is roughly five feet in length and can weigh up to 180 pounds with an average lifespan between six and eight years. Some individuals have been documented in Nevada up to 18 years of age.

◆ Typical desert bighorn terrain is rough, rocky, and steep, broken by canyons and washes. This type of terrain affords them the advantage in coping with predators. Desert bighorns live in regions of the state marked by hot summers and little annual precipitation. They require access to freestanding water during summer months, and in drought conditions they may water throughout the year.

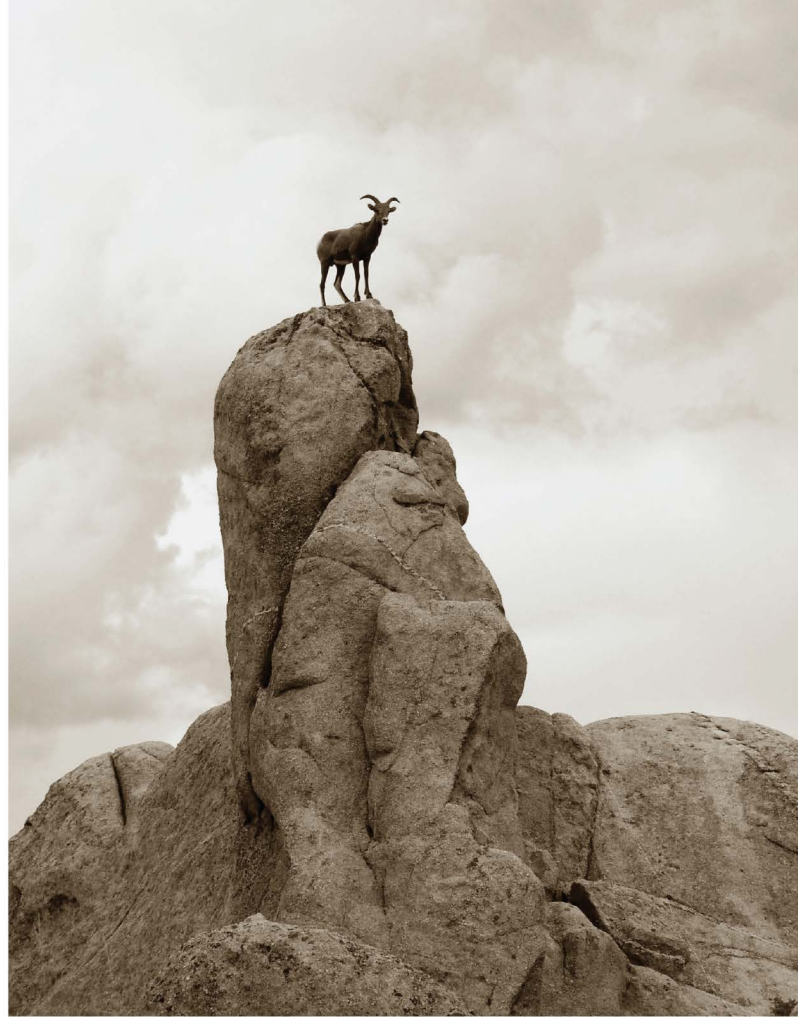
◆ Since 1960, after the adoption of conservation measures such as carefully regulated



hunting and capture and transplanting programs, populations have been rising. Currently, the desert bighorn population in Nevada is estimated at more than 8,500. The statewide estimate for all bighorn subspecies—including California and Rocky Mountain—is 10,700.

◆ The breeding season, or rut, generally extends from July through September. In each band of rams there is a dominance order. This order is determined in several ways, which could include the rams clashing heads in a fight. It has been estimated that rams may meet head-on at a combined speed of up to 30 mph.

◆ Water developments have been and continue to be constructed in habitats deemed deficient in water. Although rams may go three days without water, ewes and lambs come to water holes almost daily during the hot, dry summer months.



## ELK

The elk (*Cervus elaphus*) is native to North America and eastern Asia and is one of the largest species of deer in the world. They are also one of the largest land mammals in North America. Elk are native to Nevada, and their bones have been recovered from several archaeological explorations in the state. The Nevada hunting season usually runs from late August until early December.

Elk Habitat



This information is provided by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.  
[ndow.org](http://ndow.org), 775-688-1500

TIM TORELL



# Mazuma Wiped Out

100 years ago, a devastating flood dealt this small northwestern Nevada mining camp its deathblow.



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A July 18, 1912 “gullywasher” left the small town of Mazuma in ruins. In the foreground is debris from the Mazuma Hotel. On the opposite page are Seven Troughs (larger photo) and Mazuma prior to the flood that killed nine people in the Seven Troughs Mining District.

BY MATTHEW B. BROWN

Just prior to 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, 1912, Ed Kalenbauch and Ellsworth Bennett watched a cluster of ominous thunderheads hover over Granite Peak from the door of Kalenbauch’s office at Seven Troughs Coalition Mining Company.

They just so happened to comment on the storm’s potency when they saw a wall of water 10 feet high surge down Seven Troughs Canyon. Kalenbauch’s instinct was to alert the people of Mazuma, at the mouth of the canyon, who were in direct line of the ferocious wave.

Kalenbauch phoned the operator in Vernon, who phoned Fred Preston in Mazuma, but the electrical disturbance caused by the storm affected the line to such an extent that Preston only heard the one word: “water.” By then, it was too late.

Preston was one of the lucky ones. Or was he?

Yes, the owner of Preston’s Hotel would live to tell about the historic flood—something that couldn’t be said for eight other Mazuma residents—but he also had to survive with the nightmarish memory of the operator’s garbled voice and the frantic message that he never received.

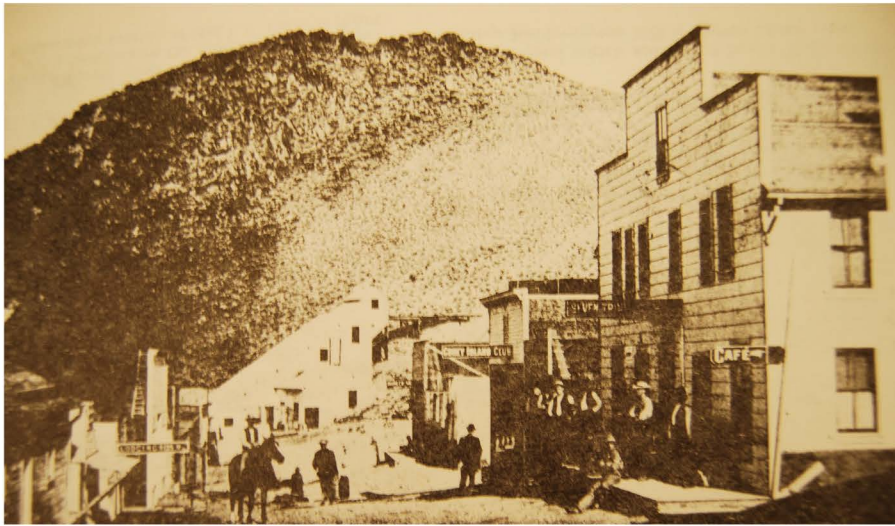
A century later, we look back at a natural disaster that took the lives of nine Nevadans and wiped a town off the map.

## DEATH TOLL

To give an idea of the tenacity of the raging floodwaters, a day after the flood, on the road near Vernon—some five miles away from Mazuma—the body of one of the Kehoe children was found by workers.

In one fell swoop, the cloudburst claimed almost a tenth of Mazuma’s population, which hovered around 100. In the sole





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## SEVEN TROUGHS MINING DISTRICT

The Seven Troughs Mining District, less than 30 miles northwest of Lovelock, was made up of four camps that were approved by the Humboldt County Commissioners on June 27, 1907. Joe Therien, a Lovelock blacksmith, discovered gold and silver outcroppings in Seven Troughs Canyon in 1905.

The southernmost camp was Vernon, where the Mining District was organized in 1906. The northernmost was Farrell, five miles from Mazuma, which was next to Seven Troughs at the mouth of its namesake canyon.

Mining and milling operations ceased in the Seven Troughs Mining District by 1940. Newspapers of the time reported that many Mazuma residents, following the flood of July 1912, relocated to nearby Rochester when it experienced its respective boom in fall 1912.



“From here on for a distance of three miles, the monster gave up its human freight.”

—**Ellsworth Bennett**, assayer for Seven Troughs Coalition Mining Company

stroke of luck for the town in this instance, only half of the residents were there when the flood hit.

Another death occurred at the mouth of Burnt Canyon, a short distance north of Seven Troughs Canyon. Many more people suffered serious injuries in what is still regarded by many as Nevada’s most destructive “gullywasher.”

Mazuma was officially established in 1907 without much thought given to the possibility of a flashflood—an oversight that can be easily understood in retrospect, given the nearsighted attitude of mining moguls of the era.

The 1912 flood came at a time during the early evening when housewives were preparing dinner, business owners were closing shop, children were playing in the streets, and miners and mill workers were preparing for the 5 p.m. shift change.

The wall of water (some eyewitness accounts estimated its height as high as 20 feet) first struck the Seven Troughs cyanide plant, smashing its walls and releasing dozens of gallons of hazardous chemicals into the flow. William Whybark averted disaster, when—at the last second—he was able to

maneuver his Reo automobile onto higher ground. He climbed out just before the force of the water flipped the vehicle and carried it a short ways down the canyon.

The first residence hit was the cabin of Mike Whalen, who fell into the torrent and died. Perhaps the most heartbreaking deaths were those of three of William and Edna Kehoe’s four young children, who all perished along with their friend, Perry Gillespie. Miraculously, one of the Kehoe children, eight-year-old Louis, grabbed hold of a large wooden pole and was able to ride it out to safety.

Postmistress Maude Ruddell met her fate rather violently when the post office collapsed on her. Merchant John Trenchard and McLean’s grocery store clerk Margaret O’Hanlan were not able to act quickly enough, either. Julie Foncannon was the unlucky victim found in Burnt Canyon.

Rescue efforts were bleak at best. Washed-out roads met teams from nearby Lovelock. It was nearly dark before they arrived in Mazuma to witness the carnage. A temporary hospital and morgue was set up at Preston’s Hotel, ironically the only undamaged structure in town.





NEIL LOCKHART

A wooden cross between the former town of Mazuma and the long-ago abandoned Tunnel Camp is one of the scant reminders of the once-bustling Seven Troughs Mining District. The photographer snapped this image in January 2012.

If only the Vernon operator's warning could have come a few minutes sooner.

## THE AFTERMATH

Although they couldn't undo the loss of lives, statewide response efforts were swift and generous. After receiving a telegram and learning of the devastation, Governor Tasker Oddie immediately called on Nevadans to assist the victims. Not that they needed much prodding.

Doctors and nurses traveled from as far as Reno to help with relief efforts. Bankers and local merchants set up donation boxes in their businesses, as well as sent personal contributions.

Other central Nevada towns were affected by the same storm, which only added to the outpouring of support. Although only minor flooding occurred in those communities, their citizens could surely relate. Even William Randolph Hearst of the *San Francisco Examiner* set up a relief fund and personally contributed \$100.

The Lovelock Relief Committee gave a final report of nearly \$6,000 that went to aid the Seven Troughs Mining District flood victims. But Mazuma, its business district thoroughly destroyed, never did recover.

It has been said that it wouldn't be a Nevada mining camp without a disastrous fire, but for Mazuma, its demise came by way of the flood. In fact, two more cloudbursts—one possibly more torrential than the July 18 one—occurred a few days later. They caused little damage, though, as a large channel had already been cut through the canyon. The other bit of irony is that the region was thirsty for water—the spring rains had not come in

1912, which had area farmers predicting that they would harvest only half the typical crop that summer.

To add insult to injury, fire did in fact find Mazuma—the Mazuma Hills Mill burned down 13 days after the flood. Seven Troughs escaped with minimal damage, except for the demolished cyanide plant.

## TODAY

"Although mining and mill operations continued in the Seven Troughs District until the late 1930s, Vernon, Farrell, Seven Troughs, and Mazuma are today ghost towns in every sense of the word," reads "Requiem for a Gullywasher," by Phillip I. Earl in the Spring-Summer 1982 edition of *The Humboldt Historian*. That was written 30 years ago, so the sands of time have indeed made their mark on the few foundations that might still remain.

Nevada explorer and Reno photographer Neil Lockhart, who visited the area recently, says there's "not much of anything left at Mazuma. There are some foundations and a wall and some strewn debris. There is a cemetery between Mazuma and Tunnel Camp, [but there's] not much left of that, either."

In the closing paragraphs of Earl's 1982 story, he writes, "Many present-day residents of north-central Nevada have vague memories of the disaster at Mazuma...for all practical purposes, it has been forgotten."

One hundred years later, we remember fondly those who were lost and injured in the tragedy at Mazuma. ▀

*Special thanks to Michael Maher and Lee Brumbaugh at the Nevada Historical Society in Reno.*



# LOOKING BACK

Even in a state routinely stereotyped as desert, floods have taken their toll. We review more of Nevada's notorious "gullywashers," typically caused by summer cloudbursts or warm winter rains that cause extreme mountain runoff.



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Rescuers help a woman into a wagon in front of a home in Goldfield's Blake Street Gulch. The photo was taken looking west from Blake Street down Crook Avenue. The 1913 flood was so intense that the Tonopah and Goldfield Railroad's center turntable was floated from its moorings, and its main track was washed out.

➤ **Christmas 1955** — Citywide flooding devastates Reno for a week. At its peak, the airport is under four feet of water, stopping air traffic for several days. Weather Bureau observers have to wade through floodwaters to take observations.

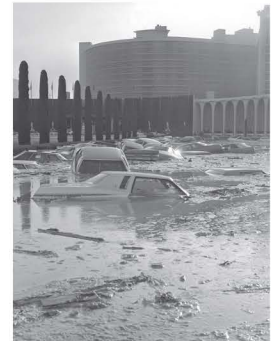
➤ **September 14, 1974** — Twelve feet of water smashes through Eldorado Canyon, killing nine at Nelson's Landing. Everything in the flood's path sweeps into Lake Mohave, including a marina, restaurant, gasoline dock, boats, 50 cars, and 20 mobile homes.

➤ **July 3, 1975** — Two people die after being swept into raging currents in North Las Vegas. Up to 500 cars are damaged by floodwaters in the parking lot at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

➤ **January 1997** — Over several days following the New Year, the Truckee River rises and spills into the streets of Reno. The disaster strands thousands of holiday travelers at the airport and closes businesses and casinos.

➤ **August 10, 1997** — Flash floods in the Las Vegas Valley wreak havoc. Cars are swept off roadways, heavy winds topple trees, and quarter-sized hail pelts the landscape. Floodwaters cut off access to Lake Mead National Recreation Area and Boulder City.

➤ **January 5, 2008** — At 4 a.m., an earthen levee along the Truckee Canal gives way, sending floodwaters barreling through the town of Fernley. Approximately 1,500 people are displaced.



LAS VEGAS NEWS BUREAU

The July 3, 1975 flood in Las Vegas turned the Caesars Palace parking lot into a sea of muck and mud, burying hundreds of vehicles.

➤ **September 13, 1913** — Heavy rain and intense lightning and thunder lead to a flood in Goldfield that destroys hundreds of cabins and homes; many residents lose all their possessions.

## FROM OUR ARCHIVE



### May/June 1981

Valley of Fire State Park's Elephant Rock is the subject of this Jeff Gnass image. Valley of Fire, voted one of the state's six treasures in the recent Discover Your Nevada campaign, has been on the cover of *Nevada Magazine* a total of nine times.

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# NORTHERN NEVADA

## July/August 2012

Dates are subject to change. Call or visit the event website to confirm details such as times. "Dark" means the event or show is closed that day(s).

To submit an event or show, e-mail [editor@nevadamagazine.com](mailto:editor@nevadamagazine.com).



### ONE-TIME EVENTS

#### JUNE 30-JULY 4

CARSON CITY—Fourth of July Week, Mills Park, [visitcarsoncity.com](http://visitcarsoncity.com), 775-687-4680 x.4

#### JUNE 30-JULY 7

NORTH LAKE TAHOE—Red, White & Tahoe Blue, [redwhiteandtahoebblue.com](http://redwhiteandtahoebblue.com), 775-298-1010

#### JULY 1

FORT CHURCHILL STATE HISTORIC PARK—Full-Moon Hike, [parks.nv.gov](http://parks.nv.gov), 775-577-4880

RENO—Artown Opening Night: An Evening w/ The Mickey Hart Band, [renoisartown.com](http://renoisartown.com), 775-322-1538

SQUAW VALLEY USA—Squaw Valley Fine Arts & Crafts Festival, [squaw.com](http://squaw.com), 800-468-2463

#### JULY 1-8

RENO—Fireworks 500, off-road racing events, [hdrace.com](http://hdrace.com), 800-367-7366

#### JULY 2-7

WINNEMUCCA—Silver State International Rodeo, [ssir.us](http://ssir.us), 775-426-9569

#### JULY 3

GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK—Full-Moon Hike, [nps.gov/grba](http://nps.gov/grba), 775-234-7331

KINGS BEACH—Fireworks Show & Deck Party w/ local band Horsemouth, [northtahoebusiness.org](http://northtahoebusiness.org), 530-546-9000

#### JULY 3

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Tahoe Improv, Valhalla Boathouse, [valhallatahoe.com](http://valhallatahoe.com), 530-541-4975

#### JULY 3-4

WELLS—Rodeo, [wellsnevada.com](http://wellsnevada.com), 775-752-3540

#### JULY 4

AUSTIN—Old Fashioned 4th of July, [austinnevada.com](http://austinnevada.com), 775-964-2200

BATTLE MOUNTAIN—4th of July Celebration, [battlemountainchamber.com](http://battlemountainchamber.com), 775-635-8245

CARSON CITY—RSVP 4th of July Fireworks, [visitcarsoncity.com](http://visitcarsoncity.com), 775-687-4680 x.4

CARSON CITY—Train Rides, Nevada State Railroad Museum, [nevadaculture.org](http://nevadaculture.org), 775-687-6953 x.224

ELY—Fourth of July Celebration, community breakfast, parade, [elynevada.net](http://elynevada.net), 800-496-9350

ELY—4th of July Fireworks Express & Ice Cream Social, Nevada Northern Railway, [nnry.com](http://nnry.com), 866-407-8326

EUREKA—Old-Fashioned Independence Day Celebration, [eurekacounty.com](http://eurekacounty.com), 775-237-5484

FALLON—Picnic in the Park 4th of July Celebration, [fallonchamber.com](http://fallonchamber.com), 775-423-2544

FERNLEY—4th of July & Show 'n' Shine, [fernleychamber.org](http://fernleychamber.org), 775-575-4459

FORT CHURCHILL STATE HISTORIC PARK—Living History Demonstrations, [parks.nv.gov](http://parks.nv.gov), 775-577-4880

GENOA—Independence Day Barbecue & Pops in the Park, Volunteer Fire Dept. & Mormon Station State Historic Park, [genoanevada.org](http://genoanevada.org), 775-782-8696

MINDEN—Old-Time 4th of July Town Picnic, Minden Park, [townofminden.com](http://townofminden.com), 775-782-5976

RENO AND LAKE TAHOE—Fourth of July fireworks, [visitrenotahoe.com](http://visitrenotahoe.com), 800-FOR-RENO

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Lights on the Lake Fireworks, [tahoesouth.com](http://tahoesouth.com), 530-544-5050

SPARKS—Star Spangled Sparks, fun run/walk, fireworks, Sparks Marina and Victorian Square, [cityofsparks.us](http://cityofsparks.us), 775-358-1976

SPRING CREEK—Extreme Rodeo, Spring Creek Horse Palace, [springcreeknv.net](http://springcreeknv.net), 775-753-6295

VIRGINIA CITY—July 4th Parade, Concert & Fireworks, [visitvirginiacitynv.com](http://visitvirginiacitynv.com), 775-847-4386

WELLS—Independence Day, [wellsnevada.com](http://wellsnevada.com), 775-752-3540

WEST WENDOVER—Independence Day Celebration, [westwendovercity.com](http://westwendovercity.com), 775-664-3081

#### JULY 4-5

McDERMITT—McDermitt Ranch Hand Rodeo, McDermitt Rodeo Grounds, [winnemuca.com](http://winnemuca.com), 775-532-8240

#### JULY 4-7

ELKO—Fourth of July Celebration, [exploreeelko.com](http://exploreeelko.com), 775-738-6284

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#### JULY 4-8

RENO—Independence Day Cribbage, Sands Regency, [sandsregency.com](http://sandsregency.com), 800-233-4939

WELLS—Ladies Invitational, Chimney Rock Golf Course, [wellsnevada.com](http://wellsnevada.com), 775-752-3540

WINNEMUCCA—Silver State International Rodeo, [cowboycountry.org](http://cowboycountry.org), 800-962-2638

#### JULY 5

INCLINE VILLAGE—Tainted Love & The Village Green, [devildogshows.com](http://devildogshows.com), 775-833-6333

MINDEN—The Motifs, Carson Valley Inn, [carsonvalleyinn.com](http://carsonvalleyinn.com), 800-321-6983

RENO—Mixology, art performances, Reno Underground, [rawartists.org](http://rawartists.org), 888-729-7545

#### JULY 5-8, 12-15

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—"God of Carnage," [valhallatahoe.com](http://valhallatahoe.com), 530-541-4975

#### JULY 6

RENO—Kellie Pickler, CommRow, [commrow.com](http://commrow.com), 775-398-5400

RENO—Lionel Young Band, CommRow, [commrow.com](http://commrow.com), 775-398-5400

RENO—Future w/ Pusha T, Knitting Factory, [knittingfactory.com](http://knittingfactory.com), 775-323-5648

RENO—Ruthie Foster Making Hunger History Concert, Bartley Ranch, [ruthiefostertix.eventbrite.com](http://ruthiefostertix.eventbrite.com), 775-322-1538

WEST WENDOVER—Boyz II Men, Peppermill Concert Hall, [wendoverfun.com](http://wendoverfun.com), 800-217-0049

#### JULY 6-7

JARBIDGE—Fourth of July Celebration, [jarbridge.org](http://jarbridge.org), 775-488-2311

#### JULY 6-8

CARSON CITY—Ribmaster Rumble, rib-cooking competition, Carson Station Hotel, 775-883-0900

ELKO—49th National Basque Festival, [exploreeelko.com](http://exploreeelko.com), 775-738-6854

RENO—Great International Chicken Wing Society Cookoff, Grand Sierra, [grandsierraresort.com](http://grandsierraresort.com), 800-501-2651

RENO—The All-American Barbecue Festival, downtownreno.com, 888-288-1833

RENO/SPARKS—Boneyard Blast, softball tournament, [boneyardblast.com](http://boneyardblast.com), 775-997-8000

#### JULY 7

CARSON CITY—Historical Society Flea Market/ Yard Sale, Foreman-Roberts House, [visitcarsoncity.com](http://visitcarsoncity.com), 775-882-0916





CRYSTAL BAY—Super Diamond, Crystal Bay Club, crystalbayclubcasino.com, 775-833-6333

MINDEN—Little City Bike Race, Minden Park, townofminden.com, 775-782-5976

SQUAW VALLEY USA—Soaring Kites & Music Festival, squaw.com, 800-403-0206

SQUAW VALLEY USA—JT Holmes: Legendary Skier of Squaw, squawvalleyinstitute.org, 530-581-4138

RENO—Lure of the Cheetah, Animal Ark, animalark.org, 775-970-3111

RENO—Volbeat Live From Beyond Hell, Knitting Factory, knittingfactory.com, 775-323-5648

WEST WENDOVER—Montgomery Gentry, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

### JULY 7 & 27

SPRING CREEK—Sagebrush Stampede, Spring Creek Horse Palace, springcreeknv.net, 775-753-6295

### JULY 7

ELY—Rockin' & Rollin' Geology dinner train, Nevada Northern Railway, nnry.com, 866-407-8326

### JULY 7-8

KINGS BEACH—Pacific Fine Arts and Crafts Fair, pacificfinearts.com, 209-267-4394

### JULY 8

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Music on the Lawn, valhallatahoe.com, 530-541-4975

### JULY 8-14

RENO—Region III Championship Arabian Horse Show, Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, arabianhorses3.org, 916-645-2288

### JULY 9

RENO—Erth's Dinosaur Petting Zoo, life-like prehistoric creatures, Wingfield Park, renoisartown.com, 775-322-1538

RENO—The Mess Fest, Knitting Factory, knittingfactory.com, 775-323-5648

### JULY 11

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Solid Air, music, valhallatahoe.com, 530-541-4975

VIRGINIA CITY—Mary Kaye Knaphus, Piper's Opera House, visitvirginiacitynv.com, 775-847-0433

### JULY 11-13

RENO—Airborne Law Enforcement Association Conference & Exhibition, Reno-Sparks Convention Center, alea.org, 251-928-3403

### JULY 12

GARDNERVILLE—Historical Lecture, Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, historicnevada.org, 775-782-2555

RENO—Art Slaves Show & Sale, Sierra Arts Gallery, renoisartown.com, 800-FOR-RENO

RENO—Trail Talk, Tahoe Rim Trail Association, Southwest Reno, tahoerimtrail.org, 775-298-0235

### JULY 12, 19, & 26

RENO—The Utility Players' "Improv-o-potamus," Reno Tahoe Comedy, Pioneer Underground, renotahoecomedy.com, 775-686-6600

### JULY 12 & 26

WELLS—Barrel Races, wellsnevada.com, 775-752-3540

### JULY 12-13

ELKO—Safety Olympiad, elkocva.com, 800-248-ELKO

### JULY 12-14

ELKO—Centennial Silver State Stampede, exploreelko.com, 775-738-7991

### JULY 13

CRYSTAL BAY—Old Man Markley and After Party with Sneaky, Crystal Bay, crystalbayclubcasino.com, 775-833-6333

EUREKA—Mary Kaye Knaphus, Eureka Opera House, eurekacounty.com, 775-237-6006

RENO—Steel Panther, Knitting Factory, knittingfactory.com, 775-323-5648

STATELINE—Chicago & The Doobie Brothers, Harveys, harveystahoe.com, 800-HARVEYS

WEST WENDOVER—Collin Raye, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

### JULY 13-14

GENOA—"Curse of the Hanging Tree," historicnevada.org, 775-782-2555

RENO—World Renowned Political Satirist Will Durst, Reno Tahoe Comedy, Pioneer Underground, renotahoecomedy.com, 775-686-6600

### JULY 13-15

KINGSTON—Kingston Jubilee, Miles End Lodge B&B, milesendbnb.com, 775-964-1046

RENO—Blackjack Tournament, Sands Regency, sandsregency.com, 800-233-4939

SPARKS—VORRA USA 500 Fan Daze, Victorian Square, vorra.net, 877-418-6772

VIRGINIA CITY—Americana Music Festival, americanafest.org, 775-846-1130

WINNEMUCCA—Winnemucca Summer Cutting, Event Center, winnemucca.com, 775-745-6228

### JULY 13-15, 20-22

MINDEN—Holka Polka, Carson Valley Community Theatre, townofminden.com, 775-292-0939

### JULY 14

CARSON CITY—"Nevada Reptiles," Nevada State Museum, museums.nevadaculture.org, 775-687-4810 x.237

CRYSTAL BAY—The White Buffalo/"Late Night" w/ Tracorum, Crystal Bay, crystalbayclubcasino.com, 775-833-6333

ELKO—Art in the Park, exploreelko.com, 775-385-0038

ELKO—Wine Walk, exploreelko.com, 775-778-9555

ELKO—Texaco Country Showdown, exploreelko.com, 775-738-9895

EUREKA—Perdiz Fun Shoot, Perdiz Sport Shooting, eurekacounty.com, 775-237-7027

NORTHSTAR—Beerfest & Bluegrass Festival, northstaratahoe.com, 800-466-6784

RENO—Buddy Valastro, The Cake Boss, Silver Legacy Resort, silverlegacyreno.com, 800-687-8733

RENO—Nevada Opera: "The Great Grey Ghost of Old Spook Lane," Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum, renoisartown.com, 775-786-4046

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Sierra Recon Multi-Distance Endurance Event Obstacle Race, Sierra-at-Tahoe, sierrarecon.com, 530-659-7453

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Taste of Gold Gourmet Food and Wine Tasting Event, Lake Tahoe Community College, ltcc.edu, 530-541-4660 x.245

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Tour of the California Alps - Death Ride, deathride.com, 530-694-2475

SPARKS—Michael Feinstein, artown, John Ascuaga's Nugget, janugget.com, 800-648-1177

TAHOE CITY—Jam from the Dam Standup Paddleboard Race, tahoepaddle.com, 530-581-3029

WEST WENDOVER—Aaron Lewis, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

### JULY 14-15

SQUAW VALLEY USA—Art, Wine, & Music Festival, squaw.com, 800-403-0206

### JULY 14 & AUGUST 18

ELY—Steptoe Valley Flyer dinner train, Nevada Northern Railway, nnry.com, 866-407-8326

### JULY 15

FALLON—PITA Shoot, fallontrapclub.com, 702-378-1659

RENO—Preservation Hall Jazz Band 50th Anniversary Celebration, Grand Sierra, renoisartown.com, 775-322-1538

RENO—Taste of Reno Tahoe, Atlantis, rcsrotary.org, 800-723-6500

STATELINE—The Beach Boys 50th-Anniversary Reunion Show, Harveys, harveystahoe.com, 800-HARVEYS

SPRING CREEK—NENHA (North Eastern Nevada Horseman's Assoc.) show, springcreeknv.net, 775-753-6295

WENDOVER—KUTV Harley Davidson Ride for Life Motorcycle Rally, cowboycountry.org, 866-299-2489

WENDOVER—Led Zepagain & Bonfire, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

### JULY 15-19, 22-27 & 29-31

INCLINE VILLAGE—Youth Backcountry Camps, tahoerimtrail.org, 775-298-0012

### JULY 16

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Houston Jones concert, valhallatahoe.com, 530-541-4975

### JULY 17

INCLINE VILLAGE—Tahoe Rim Trail Assoc. Trail Talk, Incline Village Library, tahoerimtrail.org, 775-298-0235

RENO—Red Line Chemistry, Knitting Factory, knittingfactory.com, 775-323-5648

### JULY 17-22

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—American Century Celebrity Golf Championship, Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course, tahoecelibritygolf.com, 800-288-2463



# NORTHERN NEVADA

## JULY 18

CRYSTAL BAY—Chris Robinson Brotherhood & After Party with the Fox Street Allstars, Crystal Bay Club, [crystalbayclubcasino.com](http://crystalbayclubcasino.com), 775-833-6333

SODA SPRINGS—Tony Hawk's Pro Skater Birdhouse Left Coast Tour, Woodward Tahoe, [woodwardtaho.com](http://woodwardtaho.com), 530-426-1114

## JULY 19

RENO—The Red Shoe Gala, Atlantis, [atlantiscasino.com](http://atlantiscasino.com), 800-723-6500

## JULY 19-20

ELKO—Leather Show, [exploreelko.com](http://exploreelko.com), 775-738-5816

## JULY 19-22

ELKO—Horse Show, [exploreelko.com](http://exploreelko.com), 775-752-3930

## JULY 19-23

IMLAY—Lassen-Applegate Emigrant Trail Ride, High Rock Trekkers Four Wheel Drive Club, [highrocktrekkers.com](http://highrocktrekkers.com), 775-629-9232

## JULY 19-22, 26-29

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—"Death by Golf," play, [valhallatahoe.com](http://valhallatahoe.com), 530-541-4975

## JULY 20

CRYSTAL BAY—Steve Kimock, Crystal Bay Club, [devildogshows.com](http://devildogshows.com), 800-462-5196

RENO—Kansas, CommRow, [commrow.com](http://commrow.com), 775-398-5400

RENO—Rollin' On the River: The Red Elvises, Wingfield Park, [renoisartown.com](http://renoisartown.com), 775-324-4440

WEST WENDOVER—Rick Springfield, Peppermill Concert Hall, [wendoverfun.com](http://wendoverfun.com), 800-217-0049

## JULY 20-21

RENO—A.V.A. Ballet Theatre presents the rock ballet Vortex, an artown event, Hawkins Amphitheater at Bartley Ranch, [avaballet.com](http://avaballet.com), 775-762-5165

## JULY 20-22

ELKO—Taylor Canyon Motorcycle Run, [exploreelko.com](http://exploreelko.com), 775-744-4570

VIRGINIA CITY—LivFast Speed in Style Weekend, [visitvirginiacitynv.com](http://visitvirginiacitynv.com), 800-718-7587

WADSWORTH—Sacred Visions Powwow, [sacredvisionspowwow.com](http://sacredvisionspowwow.com), 775-687-8333

RENO—Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club Trials, Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, [tmdtc.org](http://tmdtc.org), 775-747-7387

WINNEMUCCA—44-Hour Softball Tournament, 775-304-0402

## JULY 21

CARSON CITY—Ghost Walk, [carsoncityghostwalk.com](http://carsoncityghostwalk.com), 775-348-6279

ELKO—Days of Liberty Picnic, [exploreelko.com](http://exploreelko.com), 775-777-8863

ELY—Barbecue Express dinner train, Nevada Northern Railway, [nnry.com](http://nnry.com), 866-407-8326

EUREKA—Bowhunter's Traditional Shoot, Perdiz Sport Shooting, [eurekacounty.com](http://eurekacounty.com), 775-237-7027

FORT CHURCHILL STATE HISTORIC PARK—Chautauqua at Buckland Station, [parks.nv.gov](http://parks.nv.gov), 775-577-4880

GARDNERVILLE—Flea Market, Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center, [historicnevada.org](http://historicnevada.org), 775-782-2555

GENOA—150th-Anniversary Celebration, David Walley's Hot Springs Resort, [davidwalleys-resort.com](http://davidwalleys-resort.com), 949-306-9194

RENO-SPARKS—Reno-Sparks Chili Cookoff, Victorian Square, [cityofsparks.us](http://cityofsparks.us), 775-359-7547

RENO—Reno Basque Festival, Wingfield Park, [renobasqueclub.org](http://renobasqueclub.org), 775-762-3577

RENO—Reno 5000 Championship Race #4 5K & Jr. 1 mile, Damonte Ranch High School, [reno5000.com](http://reno5000.com), 775-334-4636

RENO—X-Brewfest, [renoisartown.com](http://renoisartown.com), 775-322-1538

SPARKS—Arts in Bloom Festival, Victorian Square, [cityofsparks.us](http://cityofsparks.us), 775-353-2376

STATELINE—Maroon 5, Harveys, [harveystahoe.com](http://harveystahoe.com), 800-HARVEYS

VIRGINIA CITY—Ghost Hunt & Dinner, Mackay Mansion, [visitvirginiacitynv.com](http://visitvirginiacitynv.com), 775-721-9305

WELLS—Angel Lake Fishing Derby, [wellsnevada.com](http://wellsnevada.com), 775-752-3540

WEST WENDOVER—Bachman & Turner, Peppermill Concert Hall, [wendoverfun.com](http://wendoverfun.com), 800-217-0049

## JULY 21-22

FALLON—Nevada Paint Horse Association, [visitfallonnevada.com](http://visitfallonnevada.com), 775-867-2266

MINDEN—Minden Ranch Rodeo XIII, [visitcarsonvalley.org](http://visitcarsonvalley.org), 775-782-8144

WELLS—ICGA Chapmans, Chimney Rock Golf Course, [wellsnevada.com](http://wellsnevada.com), 775-752-3540

## JULY 21-25

RENO—Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. 113th VFW National Convention, Reno-Sparks Convention Center, [vfw.org](http://vfw.org), 816-968-1198

## JULY 21

RENO—Roller Derby Bouts, Rink on the River, [battlebornderbydemons.com](http://battlebornderbydemons.com), 775-334-4636

## JULY 22

JACKPOT—Reba, Cactus Petes, [jackpotnevada.com](http://jackpotnevada.com), 800-821-1103

MINDEN—Mark Chesnutt, Carson Valley Inn, 800-321-6983

NORTHSTAR—Leadville Mt. Bike Race Series—Lake Tahoe Trail 100K, [bigblueadventure.com](http://bigblueadventure.com), 530-546-1019

RENO—Reel Big Fish, Knitting Factory, [knittingfactory.com](http://knittingfactory.com), 775-323-5648

STATELINE—Journey w/ Pat Benatar & Loverboy, Harveys, [harveystahoe.com](http://harveystahoe.com), 800-HARVEYS

## JULY 22-28 & AUGUST 17-25

ELY—Railroad Reality Weeks, hands-on experience working on the railroad, [nnry.com](http://nnry.com), 866-407-8326

## JULY 22-24

PYRAMID LAKE—Sacred Visions Powwow, [sacredvisionspowwow.com](http://sacredvisionspowwow.com), 775-560-1551

## JULY 22-28

RENO—Lake Tahoe Music Camp, Nevada State 4-H

Camp in Stateline, University of Nevada, 775-784-4046

## JULY 23-27

WINNEMUCCA—Superior Livestock Auction, 800-962-2638

## JULY 24

LUND—Pioneer Days Rodeo, [greatbasinheritage.org](http://greatbasinheritage.org), 775-234-7171

STATELINE—Trail Talk, Tahoe Rim Trail Association, VanSickel Bi-State Park, [tahoerimtrail.org](http://tahoerimtrail.org), 775-298-0235

## JULY 25

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Joni Morris, music, [valhallatahoe.com](http://valhallatahoe.com), 530-541-4975

## JULY 26

RENO—Patrón Tequila Dinner, Atlantis, [atlantiscasino.com](http://atlantiscasino.com), 775-824-4411

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Sublime w/ Rome, Cypress Hill, & HB Surround Sound, Montale Outdoor Amphitheatre, [tahoessouth.com](http://tahoessouth.com), 775-588-3515

## JULY 26-28

YERINGTON—A Night in the Country Music Festival, Lyon County Fairgrounds, [nightinthecountry.org](http://nightinthecountry.org), 775-463-2334

## JULY 26-29

CARSON CITY—AMA Women & Motorcycling Conference, [visitcarsoncity.com](http://visitcarsoncity.com), 800-262-5646

SQUAW VALLEY USA—Wanderlust Yoga & Music Festival, [squaw.wanderlustfestival.com](http://squaw.wanderlustfestival.com), 530-583-6955

## JULY 27

CRYSTAL BAY—Lil Brian & the Zydeco Travelers, Crystal Bay Club, [devildogshows.com](http://devildogshows.com), 800-462-5196

SPARKS—Chanticleer, artown, John Ascuaga's Nugget, [janugget.com](http://janugget.com), 800-648-1177

WEST WENDOVER—Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Peppermill Concert Hall, [wendoverfun.com](http://wendoverfun.com), 800-217-0049

## JULY 27-28

RENO—Chess Tournament, Sands Regency, [sandsregency.com](http://sandsregency.com), 800-233-4939

RENO—Reno Rainbow Fest, [renorainbowfest.com](http://renorainbowfest.com), 775-742-9953

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic, Tahoe Keys Marina & Yacht Club, [tahoewoodenboats.com](http://tahoewoodenboats.com), 775-588-5900

## JULY 27-29

RENO—Camarillo Classic Barrel Racing, Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, [sharoncamarillo.com](http://sharoncamarillo.com), 530-895-1852

RENO—Just Between Friends All Seasons Back to School Sale, Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, [jbfale.com](http://jbfale.com), 775-351-6236

RENO & VIRGINIA CITY—Tour de Nez, cycling, [tourdenez.com](http://tourdenez.com), 775-348-6673

WELLS—21st Anniversary Wells Fun Run Car Show and Shine, [cowboycountry.org](http://cowboycountry.org), 775-752-3540

## JULY 27-29 & AUGUST 3-5

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Tahoe Art League's Artist Studio Tour, [talart.org](http://talart.org), 530-544-2313



**JULY 27-AUGUST 10**

**SOUTH LAKE TAHOE**—Hardcore Baseball Lake Tahoe World, ball fields around the lake, league lineup.com, 626-862-1651

**JULY 28**

**CRYSTAL BAY**—The Malone Brothers, crystalbayclubcasino.com, 775-833-6333

**ELKO**—Youth Rodeo, exploreelko.com, 775-738-5816

**ELY**—Art Wine Walk, Renaissance Village, elyrenaissance.com, 775-289-8877

**GARDNERVILLE**—Blankets, Burgers & Brews, Heritage Park, Gardnerville, mainstreetgardnerville.org, 775-782-7134

**JARBIDGE**—Sherman Dinner & Auction, exploreelko.com, 775-738-7135

**RENO**—Cali Swag District, CommRow, commrow.com, 775-398-5400

**RENO**—Intro to Fly Fishing Class, Truckee River Outfitters, truckeeriveroutfitters.com, 775-853-7368

**RENO**—Ron White, Silver Legacy, silverlegacyreno.com, 800-687-7733

**SPARKS**—Scheels Kids' Triathlon, Sparks Marina Park, cityofsparks.us, 775-353-5555

**STATELINE**—Brad Paisley & The Band Perry, Harveys, harveystahoe.com, 800-HARVEYS

**VIRGINIA CITY**—Storey County Jeep Posse Barbecue & Golf Tournament, visitvirginiacitynv.com, 800-718-7587

**WEST WENDOVER**—Neal McCoy, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

**JULY 28**

**ELY**—Wild West dinner train, Nevada Northern Railway, nnry.com, 866-407-8326

**RENO**—Anjelah Johnson, Grand Sierra, grandsierraresort.com, 800-501-2651

**JULY 28-29**

**EUREKA**—VFW Softball Tournament, eurekacounty.com, 775-237-5484

**GARDNERVILLE**—Comedic Melodrama, Dangberg Home Ranch Historic Park, dangberghomeranch.org, 775-783-9417

**MINDEN**—Minden Fest Summer Street Faire, townofminden.com, 775-782-5976

**SOUTH LAKE TAHOE**—Wa She Shu It' Deh Arts Festival, Tallac Historic Site, washoetribe.us, 530-541-4975

**JULY 29**

**CARLIN**—Youth Rodeo, exploreelko.com, 775-738-5816

**RENO**—On-Stream Fly Fishing Class, Truckee River Outfitters, truckeeriveroutfitters.com, 775-853-7368

**RENO**—Reno-Tahoe Open Women's Day, Montrêux Golf & Country Club, renotahoeopen.com, 775-322-3900

**JULY 30-AUGUST 5**

**RENO**—Reno-Tahoe Open, Montrêux Golf & Country Club, renotahoeopen.com, 775-322-3900

**JULY 30-AUGUST 19**

**NORTH LAKE TAHOE**—Lake Tahoe SummerFest,

classical music, fine arts, theatre, tahoesummerfest.org, 775-298-0245

**JULY 31**

**RENO**—Artown Closing Night: Maceo Parker, Wingfield Park, renoisartown.com, 775-322-1538

**AUGUST 1-3, 5**

**SOUTH LAKE TAHOE**—"Guilty Pleasures," valhallatahohoe.com, 530-541-4975

**AUGUST 2**

**BLACK ROCK DESERT**—Aeronaut EX Launches, Association of Experimental Rocketry, aeropac.org

**AUGUST 3**

**CARLIN**—Summer Reading Program Picnic, exploreelko.com, 775-738-3066

**CRYSTAL BAY**—The Pimps of Joytime w/ Nicki Bluhm & The Gamblers, Crystal Bay Casino, crystalbayclubcasino.com, 775-833-6333

**ELKO**—Ruby Mountain Relay, exploreelko.com, 775-340-5943

**EUREKA**—Tingstead & Rumbel, Eureka Opera House, eurekacounty.com, 775-237-6006

**MINDEN**—GE Concert Series: Renegade-Tribute to Styx & Rock, Minden Park, townofminden.com, 775-782-5976

**RENO**—Cheap Trick, Silver Legacy, silverlegacy.com, 800-687-8733

**VIRGINIA CITY**—Dinner Theater, Pipers Opera House, visitvirginiacitynv.com, 775-847-0433

**VIRGINIA CITY**—The Gillette Brothers, concert, Pipers Opera House, visitvirginiacitynv.com, 775-847-0433

**AUGUST 3 & 17**

**SPRING CREEK**—Sagebrush Stampede, Spring Creek Horse Palace, springcreeknv.net, 775-753-6295

**AUGUST 3-4**

**CARLIN**—Team Branding, exploreelko.com, 775-754-6354

**ELKO**—Ruby Mountain Relay, rubymountainrelay.com, 775-340-5943

**ELY**—4-H Horse Show, elynevada.net, 800-496-9350

**JACKPOT**—Ty Herndon and Billy Dean, Cactus Petes, ameristar.com, 800-821-1103

**RENO**—Alex Reymundo from the Latin Kings of Comedy & Red-Nexican Tour, Reno Tahoe Comedy, Pioneer Underground, renotahoe.comedy.com, 775-322-5233

**AUGUST 3-5**

**CARSON CITY**—Silver Dollar Classic Car Show, Mills Park, visitcarsoncity.com, 775-846-1130

**FALLON**—The Oasis Stampede & Country Fair, visitfallonnevada.com, 775-867-3975

**GALENA CREEK REGIONAL PARK**—Family Getaway, galenacreekvisitorcenter.org, 775-849-4948

**LOVELOCK**—Frontier Days, zplace2b.com, 775-857-9361

**NORTHSTAR**—Pro GRT USA Cycling Professional Mountain Bike Gravity Tour, northstaratahohoe.com, 530-562-2268

**SOUTH LAKE TAHOE**—Hot August Nights South Lake

Tahoe Experience, hotaugustnights.net, 775-588-3515

**WINNEMUCCA**—Fifties Fever car show, fifties-fever.com, 775-623-5071 x.102

**AUGUST 4**

**CRYSTAL BAY**—Los Lonely Boys, Crystal Bay Club, Crystal Bay Casino, crystalbayclubcasino.com, 775-833-6333

**ELKO**—BrightPath's Community Yard Sale, exploreelko.com, 775-778-0547

**ELKO**—Elko Friends of the NRA Banquet, exploreelko.com, 397-5308

**ELY**—Barbecue Express dinner train, Nevada Northern Railway, nnry.com, 866-407-8326

**EUREKA**—August Fun Shoot, Perdiz Sport Shooting, eurekacounty.com, 775-237-7027

**FORT CHURCHILL STATE HISTORIC PARK**—Living History Demonstrations, parks.nv.gov, 775-577-4880

**GARDNERVILLE**—Taste of the Towns, historicnevada.org, 775-782-2555

**KINGSTON**—Volunteer Fire Department Picnic, Lee Baker Park, austinnevada.com, 775-964-2120

**RENO**—Ark at Dark, Animal Ark, animalark.org, 775-970-3111

**RENO**—Love & Light, Knitting Factory, knittingfactory.com, 775-323-5648

**SQUAW VALLEY USA**—Squaw Mountain Run/ Walk, auburnskiclub.com, 530-426-3313

**SUTCLIFFE**—Pyramid Lake Triathlon, pyramidlake.us, 775-574-1000

**VIRGINIA CITY**—Virginia City Downhill, visitvirginiacitynv.com, 775-721-2130

**WEST WENDOVER**—Martina McBride, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

**AUGUST 4-5**

**ELY**—Arts in the Park Festival, elynevada.net, 775-289-8061

**WELLS**—Junior Rodeo, wellsnevada.com, 775-752-3540

**WELLS**—Wells Amateur, Chimney Rock Golf Course, wellsnevada.com, 775-752-3540

**AUGUST 4-19**

**CARSON CITY**—Jazz & Beyond: Carson City Music Festival, jazzcarsoncity.com, 775-883-4154

**AUGUST 5**

**RENO**—Michael Franti & Spearhead, Knitting Factory, knittingfactory.com, 775-323-5648

**RENO**—Radiate, Reno Underground, rawartists.org, 888-729-7545

**AUGUST 7-12**

**RENO-SPARKS**—Hot August Nights, hotaugustnights.net, 775-356-1956

**SOUTH LAKE TAHOE**—Hot Tahoe Cruisin' South Shore Car Show, Heavenly Village, goodsamsaferide.com, 530-541-7300

**AUGUST 8**

**SOUTH LAKE TAHOE**—Ania Helwig, valhallatahohoe.com, 530-541-4975



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SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Tahoe Improv, Valhalla Boathouse, valhallatahoe.com, 530-541-4975

STATELINE—Toby Keith w/ Gilbert, Harveys, harveystahoe.com, 800-HARVEYS

## AUGUST 9

GARDNERVILLE—Historical Lecture, Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center, historicnevada.org, 775-782-2555

INCLINE VILLAGE—Incline Village Community Hospital Foundation Cowboy Poetry BBQ, tfhd.com, 775-888-4201

MINDEN—Hot August Nights Poker Run, townofminden.com, 775-782-5976

RENO—Theory of a Deadman, knittingfactory.com, 775-323-5648

## AUGUST 9-12

EUREKA—Eureka County Fair, Eureka County Fairgrounds, eurekacounty.com, 775-237-6026

## AUGUST 10

RENO—Doo Wop, Silver Legacy, silverlegacy.com, 800-687-8733

VIRGINIA CITY—Virginia City's Hot August Nights Show 'n' Shine, visitvirginiacitynv.com, 775-847-4386

WELLS—Wells Utility Tournament, Chimney Rock Golf Course, wellsnevada.com, 775-752-3540

WEST WENDOVER—America, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

## AUGUST 10-11

CARNELIAN BAY—Concours d'Elegance Wooden Boat Show, laketahoeconcours.com, 775-851-4444

ELY—Rodders' Car Show, elynevada.net, 800-496-9350

## AUGUST 10-12

JARBIDGE—Jarbridge Days, jarbridge.org, 775-488-2311

NORTHSTAR—Gene Hamilton BetterRide Downhill Mountain Bike Camp, northstaratahoh.com, 800-466-6784

## AUGUST 11

AUSTIN—Alviso Roadsters, austinnevada.com, 408-203-3942

CARSON CITY—Evening on the Comstock, Governor's Mansion, visitcarsoncity.com, 775-720-0318

ELY—Rockin' & Rollin' Geology dinner train, Nevada Northern Railway, nnry.com, 866-407-8326

ELKO—Ross-Herrera Memorial Golf Tournament, 775-738-6717

ELKO—Wine Walk, exploreelko.com, 775-778-9555

RENO—Heartless Bastards, CommRow, commrow.com, 775-398-5400

RENO—Theory of a Deadman, Knitting Factory, knittingfactory.com, 775-323-5648

SMITH VALLEY—Summer Fun Shoot, Walker River Resort, wrresort.com, 800-446-2573

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Murder Mystery Radio Theater, valhallatahoh.com, 530-541-4975

TAHOE CITY—Children's Environmental Science Day, Tahoe City Field Station (Historic Hatchery), terc.ucdavis.edu, 775-881-7566

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WEST WENDOVER—Charlie Daniels Band, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

## AUGUST 11-12

KINGS BEACH—TA-HOE NALU Paddle Festival, tahoenalu.com, 775-832-1605

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Great Gatsby Festival, Tallac Historic Site, tahoeheritage.org, 530-541-4975

SQUAW VALLEY USA—Brews, Jazz, & Funk, squaw.com, 800-403-0206

## AUGUST 11-15

BLACK ROCK DESERT—Perseids Meteor Shower Campout, blackrockdesert.org, 775-557-2900

## AUGUST 11-17

WENDOVER—Bonneville Speed Week (racing on the Bonneville Salt Flats), cowboycountry.org, 866-299-2489

## AUGUST 12

NORTHSTAR—Northstar Mountain Run, bigblueadventure.com, 530-546-1019

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Great Gatsby Festival & Tea, valhallatahoh.com, 530-541-4975

STATELINE—Norah Jones, Harveys, harveystahoe.com, 800-HARVEYS

## AUGUST 13

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Cool Black Kettle, valhallatahoh.com, 530-541-4975

## AUGUST 17

ELKO—Family Skate Night, exploreelko.com, 775-777-7260

STATELINE—Joe Cocker and Huey Lewis & The News, Harveys, harveystahoe.com, 800-HARVEYS

WEST WENDOVER—Ronnie Dunn, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

## AUGUST 17-18

CARLIN—Carlin Ranch Hand Rodeo, Carlin Equestrian Center, exploreelko.com, 775-754-2232

CARLIN—Carlin Sho N' Shine Car Show, exploreelko.com, 775-754-6354

MINDEN—Main Street Show & Shine Car Event, townofminden.com, 775-782-5976

VIRGINIA CITY—Hipsters of the High West, tribute to the beatniks, Red Dog Saloon, reddogvc.com, 775-847-7474

## AUGUST 17-19

GOLDFIELD—Goldfield Days Celebration and Land Auction, goldfieldnevada.org, 775-485-3560

RENO—Sands Bingo Blowout, Sands Regency, sandsregency.com, 800-233-4939

RENO—Western States Wild Horse & Burro Expo, Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, wildhorseandburroexpo.com, 775-853-4182

## AUGUST 17-19 & 24-26

TAHOE CITY—Fine Arts & Crafts Festival, pacificfinearts.com, 209-267-4394

## AUGUST 18

AUSTIN—Lions Club Fly-In, austinnevada.com, 775-964-2200

CARSON CITY—Ghost Walk, carsoncityghostwalk.com, 775-348-6279

ELKO—Senior Ball, exploreelko.com, 775-738-3030

EUREKA—Eureka Firemen's Picnic & Shoot, Perdiz Sport Shooting, eurekacounty.com, 775-237-7027

FALLON—Chili/Salsa Cook Off, theoverlandhotel.com, 775-423-2719

FALLON—Concert in the Park, Oats Park, cityoffallon.com, 775-423-4556

FALLON—Team Challenge, fallontrapclub.com, 702-378-1659

FORT CHURCHILL STATE HISTORIC PARK—Lecture & Book Signing, Buckland Station, parks.nv.gov, 775-577-2345

GARDNERVILLE—Flea Market, Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center, historicnevada.org, 775-782-2555

RENO—Reno Gay Pride Festival, Wingfield Park, renogaypride.com, 877-344-RENO

RENO—Reno Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering, Hawkins Amphitheater, Bartley Ranch Regional Park, 775-354-6093

RENO—Roller Derby Bouts, Rink on the River, battlebornderbydemons.com, 775-334-4636

STATELINE—Sugarland: In Your Hands Tour, Harveys, harveystahoe.com, 800-HARVEYS

VIRGINIA CITY—Ghost Hunt & Dinner, Mackay Mansion, visitvirginiacitynv.com, 775-721-9305

## AUGUST 18-19

ELY—White Pine County Fair, elynevada.net, 800-496-9350

SPARKS—Hydrofest, boat racing, Sparks Marina, 775-353-5555

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Legends of Zephyr Cove Tournament, beach volleyball, 831-247-9388

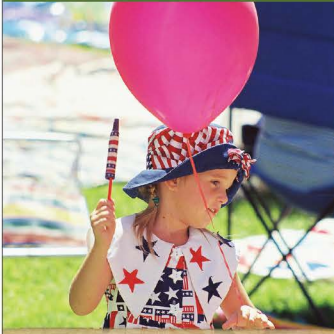
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## ONE-TIME EVENTS

## THROUGH JULY 4

Grand Poker Series, Golden Nugget, [goldennugget.com](http://goldennugget.com), 800-634-3454

Jimmy Stewart & Friends, LVH, [thelvh.com](http://thelvh.com), 800-222-5361

## THROUGH JULY 7

DWTS Live Show, Tropicana, [troplv.com](http://troplv.com), 702-739-2411

## THROUGH JULY 8

Binion's Poker Classic, [binions.com](http://binions.com), 800-634-6045

## THROUGH JULY 15

VENOM!—Live animal show, Springs Preserve, [springspreserve.org](http://springspreserve.org), 702-822-7700

## THROUGH JULY 16

World Series of Poker, Rio, [wsop.com/2012](http://wsop.com/2012)

## JUNE 29-JULY 1

David Cassidy, South Point, [southpointcasino.com](http://southpointcasino.com), 866-796-7111

Gold Rush Peruvian Classic, South Point, [southpointeventscenter.com](http://southpointeventscenter.com), 702-796-7111

## JUNE 30-JULY 1

Hotel California "A Salute to the Eagles," Suncoast, [suncoastcasino.com](http://suncoastcasino.com), 702-636-7075

LAUGHLIN—Patrick Candelaria w/ Gibran Saad, Inferno Comedy Club, [edgewater-casino.tix.com](http://edgewater-casino.tix.com), 702-298-2453

## JULY 1

HENDERSON—50th-Anniversary Celebration, Eldorado Casino, [eldoradocasino.com](http://eldoradocasino.com), 702-564-1811

RACHEL—Independence Celebration, Little A'Le'Inn, [rachel-nevada.com](http://rachel-nevada.com), 775-729-2515

## JULY 3

Don McLean, LVH, [thelvh.com](http://thelvh.com), 800-222-5361

NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Night of Fire, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, [lvms.com](http://lvms.com), 702-644-4444

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Independence Day Jubilee, Seastrand Park, [cityofnorthlasvegas.com](http://cityofnorthlasvegas.com), 702-633-2650

## JULY 3-8

LAUGHLIN—The Chinese Acrobats of Hebei, Riverside, [riversideresort.com](http://riversideresort.com), 800-227-3849

## JULY 4

Industry Independence Party, Crazy Horse III, [crazyhorse3.com](http://crazyhorse3.com)

BEATTY—Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration, Cottonwood Park, [beattynevada.org](http://beattynevada.org), 702-375-8817

BOULDER CITY—4th of July Damboree, Broadbent Park, [bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com](http://bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com), 702-294-1175

CALIENTE—4th of July Celebration, [nevadasilvertrails.com](http://nevadasilvertrails.com), 775-728-4460

HENDERSON—Battle of the Bands, Mission Hills Park, [hendersonlive.com](http://hendersonlive.com), 702-267-2171

HENDERSON—Henderson Symphony Orchestra, Mission Hills Park, [hsorch.org](http://hsorch.org), 702-267-2171

HENDERSON—4th of July Celebration, Mission Hills Park, [hendersonlive.com](http://hendersonlive.com), 702-267-2171

HENDERSON—4th of July Music Series, The Village Lake Las Vegas, [lakelasvegasevents.com](http://lakelasvegasevents.com), 702-564-1600

LAUGHLIN—Rockets Over the River, fireworks display, [visitlaughlin.com](http://visitlaughlin.com), 800-452-8445

MESQUITE—Rockets Over the Red Mesa, Eureka Casino, [visitmescuite.com](http://visitmescuite.com), 800-346-4611

MESQUITE—Rusty Davis Big Band, Casa Blanca, [casablancacaresort.com](http://casablancacaresort.com), 877-438-2929

PAHRUMP—Liberty Festival, Petrack Park, [pahrumphchamber.com](http://pahrumphchamber.com), 775-727-5800

PAHRUMP—4th of July Parade, Calvada Eye, [pahrumphchamber.com](http://pahrumphchamber.com), 775-727-5800

TONOPAH—Fourth of July Barbecue & Fireworks, Sports Complex, [tonopahnevada.com](http://tonopahnevada.com), 775-482-6336

## JULY

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## JULY 4-7 &amp; 8-9

World Pastry Championship & Forum, Red Rock Resort & Casino, [pastrychampionship.com](http://pastrychampionship.com), 212-239-0855

## JULY 6

Carlos Mencia, Treasure Island, [treasureisland.com](http://treasureisland.com), 800-392-1999

Chris Botti, The Smith Center, [thesmithcenter.com](http://thesmithcenter.com), 702-749-2000

Moment of Truth Boxing: Sonsona vs. Cruz, Hard Rock, [hardrockhotel.com](http://hardrockhotel.com), 800-473-7625

Reverend Horton Heat, House of Blues, [houseofblues.com/lasvegas](http://houseofblues.com/lasvegas), 702-632-7600

LAUGHLIN—Montgomery Gentry, The E Center, [edgewater-casino.tix.com](http://edgewater-casino.tix.com), 702-298-2453

HENDERSON—Great White & Slaughter, Sunset Station, [sunsetstation.com](http://sunsetstation.com), 702-367-2470

HENDERSON—Pink Floyd LaserSpectacular: "The Dark Side of the Rainbow!," Henderson Pavilion, [hendersonlive.com](http://hendersonlive.com), 702-267-4849

## JULY 6-7

CTA featuring Danny Seraphine, The Smith Center, [thesmithcenter.com](http://thesmithcenter.com), 702-749-2000

The Oak Ridge Boys, Golden Nugget, [goldennugget.com](http://goldennugget.com), 866-946-5336

The Stars of Beatlemania, LVH, [thelvh.com](http://thelvh.com), 800-222-5361

UFC Fan Expo, Mandalay Bay, [mandalaybay.com](http://mandalaybay.com), 877-632-7800

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Led Zepagain, Cannery, [cannerycasino.com](http://cannerycasino.com), 866-999-4899

## JULY 6-8

North American Bengali Conference, Alexis Park, [exquisitohospitalitylv.com](http://exquisitohospitalitylv.com), 702-327-5074

Ralphie May, South Point, [southpointcasino.com](http://southpointcasino.com), 866-796-7111

## JULY 7

ASIA featuring John Payne, Fremont Street Experience, [vegasexperience.com](http://vegasexperience.com), 877-VEGAS4U

Foster the People w/ Kimbra, The Cosmopolitan, [cosmopolitanlasvegas.com](http://cosmopolitanlasvegas.com), 702-698-7120

Notch Run, Las Vegas Ski & Snowboard Resort, [active.com](http://active.com), 702-385-2754

UFC 148, MGM Grand, [mgmgrand.com](http://mgmgrand.com), 877-880-0880

BOULDER CITY—Cocktail Party/Fundraiser, Elks Club, [bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com](http://bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com), 702-293-6061





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HENDERSON—Foreigner, Sunset Station, [sunsetstation.com](http://sunsetstation.com), 702-367-2470

MESQUITE—Garage Boys, CasaBlanca, [casablancaresort.com](http://casablancaresort.com), 877-438-2929

PRIMM—Pedro Fernandez, Star of the Desert Arena, [primmvalleyresorts.com](http://primmvalleyresorts.com), 800-FUN-STOP

## JULY 7-8

The Temptations, Orleans, [orleanscasino.com](http://orleanscasino.com), 800-675-3267

## JULY 10-14

HENDERSON—2012 U.S. Open Synchronized Swimming Competition, Heritage Park Aquatic Complex, [hendersonlive.com](http://hendersonlive.com), 702-267-2171

## JULY 11-13

Ticket Summit Conference & Trade Show, Bellagio, [ticketsummit.org](http://ticketsummit.org), 800-416-5767

## JULY 12

"True Story of the 3 Little Pigs by A. Wolf," Historic Fifth Street School, [artslasvegas.org](http://artslasvegas.org), 702-229-3515

USA Basketball vs. Dominican Republic, Thomas & Mack Center, [unlvtickets.com](http://unlvtickets.com), 702-739-3267

VOLBEAT, House of Blues, [houseofblues.com/lasvegas](http://houseofblues.com/lasvegas), 702-632-7600

## JULY 12-20

LAUGHLIN—Desperado, Riverside, [riversideresort.com](http://riversideresort.com), 800-227-3849

## JULY 13

Aaron Lewis, Hard Rock, [hardrockhotel.com](http://hardrockhotel.com), 800-473-7625

The Bouncing Souls, House of Blues, [houseofblues.com/lasvegas](http://houseofblues.com/lasvegas), 702-632-7600

Future & Pusha T, House of Blues, [houseofblues.com/lasvegas](http://houseofblues.com/lasvegas), 702-632-7600

k.d. lang & The Siss Boom Gang, The Smith Center, [thesmithcenter.com](http://thesmithcenter.com), 702-749-2000

LAUGHLIN—Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo, The E Center, [edgewater-casino.tix.com](http://edgewater-casino.tix.com), 702-298-2453

## JULY 13-14

Bonfire (AC/DC Tribute), LVH, [thelvh.com](http://thelvh.com), 800-222-5361

IL DIVO, Caesars Palace, [thecolosseum.com](http://thecolosseum.com), 800-745-3000

Steven Wright, Orleans, [orleanscasino.com](http://orleanscasino.com), 800-675-3267

## JULY 13-15

BMX, South Point, [southpointeventscenter.com](http://southpointeventscenter.com), 702-796-7111

Sarah Colonna, South Point, [southpointcasino.com](http://southpointcasino.com), 866-796-7111

## JULY 13-22

NBA Summer League, Thomas & Mack Center and COX Pavilion, [unlvtickets.com](http://unlvtickets.com), 702-739-FANS

## JULY 14

Ellis Mania 8 featuring Death Death Die, Hard Rock,

[hardrockhotel.com](http://hardrockhotel.com), 800-473-7625

Stephen Sondheim, A Life in the Theater: An Evening of Music & Conversation, The Smith Center, [thesmithcenter.com](http://thesmithcenter.com), 702-749-2000

The Whispers, Eastside Cannery, [eastsidecannery.com](http://eastsidecannery.com), 866-999-4899

LAUGHLIN—Joe Cocker & Huey Lewis and The News, Harrah's, [harrahslaughlin.com](http://harrahslaughlin.com)

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Paul Revere & The Raiders, Cannery, [cannerycasino.com](http://cannerycasino.com), 866-999-4899

PAHRUMP—Women's Two-Pitch All-Nighter, Petrack Park, [pahrupnv.org](http://pahrupnv.org), 775-727-5107

## JULY 14-15

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Hope 5: An Afternoon of Classical Ballet, College of Southern Nevada, [csn.edu/pac](http://csn.edu/pac), 702-651-5483

## JULY 15

Aretha Franklin, Caesars Palace, [thecolosseum.com](http://thecolosseum.com), 888-435-8665

## JULY 16

WWE Monday Night Raw, Mandalay Bay, [mandalaybay.com](http://mandalaybay.com), 877-632-7800

## JULY 16-27

RACHEL—Red Flag 12-4 Air Exercises, [rachel-nevada.com](http://rachel-nevada.com), 775-729-2515

## JULY 17

LAUGHLIN—Masters of Illusion Live!, Harrah's, [harrahslaughlin.com](http://harrahslaughlin.com)

## JULY 17-20

MESQUITE—National Junior Golden Gloves Boxing Championships, CasaBlanca Event Center, [barrysboxingcenter.com](http://barrysboxingcenter.com), 702-368-BOXN

## JULY 18

Monkey Monkey Band Children's Summer Concert, Charleston Heights Arts Center, [artslasvegas.org](http://artslasvegas.org), 702-229-6383

## JULY 18-22

"Memphis," The Smith Center, [thesmithcenter.com](http://thesmithcenter.com), 702-749-2000

## JULY 19

The Elements, House of Blues, [houseofblues.com/lasvegas](http://houseofblues.com/lasvegas), 702-632-7600

## JULY 19-22

Las Vegas Film Festival, LVH, [lvfilmfest.com](http://lvfilmfest.com), 702-463-4707

## JULY 20

The Airborne Toxic Event, Hard Rock, [hardrockhotel.com](http://hardrockhotel.com), 800-473-7625

Bill Cosby, Treasure Island, [treasureisland.com](http://treasureisland.com), 800-392-1999

Joe Nichols, Silverton, [silvertoncasino.com](http://silvertoncasino.com), 702-263-7777

Ledisi B.G.T.Y. Tour w/ Eric Benet, House of Blues, [houseofblues.com/lasvegas](http://houseofblues.com/lasvegas), 702-632-7600

HENDERSON—Kenny G, Sunset Station, [sunsetstation.com](http://sunsetstation.com), 702-367-2470

MESQUITE—Ashley Red, CasaBlanca, [casablancaresort.com](http://casablancaresort.com), 877-438-2929

NORTH LAS VEGAS—The Jacksons Unity Tour, Cannery, [cannerycasino.com](http://cannerycasino.com), 866-999-4899

## JULY 20-21

LAUGHLIN—\$49 Video Poker Tournament, Pioneer, [pioneerlaughlin.com](http://pioneerlaughlin.com), 800-634-3469

## JULY 20-22

Michael John's Billy Joel Tribute, South Point, [southpointcasino.com](http://southpointcasino.com), 866-796-7111

## JULY 21

Big Time Rush & Rachel Crow, Mandalay Bay, [mandalaybay.com](http://mandalaybay.com), 877-632-7800

Neil Sedaka, Eastside Cannery, [eastsidecannery.com](http://eastsidecannery.com), 866-999-4899

Sublime w/ Rome & Cypress Hill, Mandalay Bay, [mandalaybay.com](http://mandalaybay.com), 877-632-7800

USA Ballroom Dances, Charleston Heights Arts Center, [artslasvegas.org](http://artslasvegas.org), 702-229-6383

Warrant & Skid Row, Fremont Street Experience, [vegasexperience.com](http://vegasexperience.com), 877-VEGAS4U

Willie Nelson, Sunset Station, [sclv.com/concerts](http://sclv.com/concerts), 800-745-3000

JEAN—Red Hot Cash Giveaway, Gold Strike Hotel & Gambling Hall, [stopatjean.com](http://stopatjean.com), 800-634-1359

PAHRUMP—Pahrump's 50th Birthday Celebration, Petrack Park, [pahrupnv.org](http://pahrupnv.org), 775-727-5107

## JULY 21-22

The Scintas, Suncoast, [suncoastcasino.com](http://suncoastcasino.com), 702-636-7075

## JULY 22

Cannibal Corpse, House of Blues, [houseofblues.com/lasvegas](http://houseofblues.com/lasvegas), 702-632-7600

## JULY 23

Beauty Secrets, House of Blues, [houseofblues.com/lasvegas](http://houseofblues.com/lasvegas), 702-632-7600

## JULY 25

HENDERSON—Keenan Korth Gallery Reception, Multigenerational Center, [hendersonlive.com](http://hendersonlive.com), 702-267-2171

## JULY 26

Alex & The Kaleidoscope Band Children's Summer Concert, Historic Fifth Street School, [artslasvegas.org](http://artslasvegas.org), 702-229-3515

## JULY 26-29

LVCHA Open Summer Cutting, South Point, [southpointeventscenter.com](http://southpointeventscenter.com), 702-796-7111

## JULY 27

The Fray & Kelly Clarkson, The Cosmopolitan, [cosmopolitanlasvegas.com](http://cosmopolitanlasvegas.com), 702-698-7120

Reel Big Fish, House of Blues, [houseofblues.com/lasvegas](http://houseofblues.com/lasvegas), 702-632-7600





SRH Fest 2012 featuring Kottonmouth Kings, Hard Rock, [hardrockhotel.com](http://hardrockhotel.com), 800-473-7625

Yanni, Thomas & Mack Center, [unlvtickets.com](http://unlvtickets.com), 702-739-3267

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Michael Grimm, Aliante Station, [aliantecasino.com](http://aliantecasino.com), 877-477-7627

#### JULY 27-28

Billy Gardell, Orleans, [orleanscasino.com](http://orleanscasino.com), 800-675-3267

Pia Zadora, The Smith Center, [thesmithcenter.com](http://thesmithcenter.com), 702-749-2000

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Bella Donna, Cannery, [cannerycasino.com](http://cannerycasino.com), 866-999-4899

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Dance in the Desert Festival, College of Southern Nevada, [csn.edu/pac](http://csn.edu/pac), 702-651-5483

#### JULY 27-29

Tremaine Dance Convention & Competition, Alexis Park, [tremainedance.com](http://tremainedance.com), 800-832-2050

#### JULY 28

Barenaked Ladies, Hard Rock, [hardrockhotel.com](http://hardrockhotel.com), 800-473-7625

Brandon Bennett—Elvis My Way, Suncoast, [suncoastcasino.com](http://suncoastcasino.com), 702-636-7075

Dwight Yoakam, Eastside Cannery, [eastsidecannery.com](http://eastsidecannery.com), 866-999-4899

Music on the Mountain Concert Series, Las Vegas Ski & Snowboard Resort, [skilasvegas.com](http://skilasvegas.com), 702-385-2754

SRH Fest 2012 featuring NOFX, Hard Rock, [hardrockhotel.com](http://hardrockhotel.com), 800-473-7625

Tenacious D, House of Blues, [houseofblues.com/lasvegas](http://houseofblues.com/lasvegas), 702-632-7600

ASH MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE—Stewardship Saturday, [getoutdoorsnevada.org](http://getoutdoorsnevada.org), 775-372-5435

PAHRUMP—Men's Softball All-Nighter, Petrack Park, [pahrpumpnv.org](http://pahrpumpnv.org), 775-727-5107

#### JULY 28-29

James Darren, South Point, [southpointcasino.com](http://southpointcasino.com), 866-796-7111

#### JULY 30-AUGUST 3

Las Vegas Market (international home furnishings showcase), World Market Center, [wmcnv.com](http://wmcnv.com)

#### JULY 31

Relient K, House of Blues, [houseofblues.com/lasvegas](http://houseofblues.com/lasvegas), 702-632-7600

#### AUGUST 1

"The Jungle Book," Charleston Heights Arts Center Theatre, [artslasvegas.org](http://artslasvegas.org), 702-229-3515

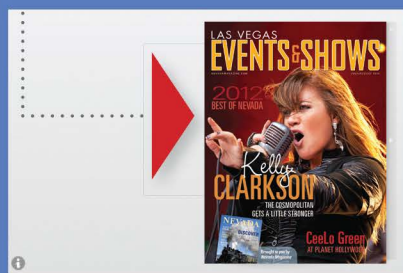
#### AUGUST 1-4

Cowboy Mounted Shooters Association, South Point, [southpointeventscenter.com](http://southpointeventscenter.com), 702-796-7111

#### AUGUST 2

Steve Harvey Grand Stand-Up Finale, MGM Grand,

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[mgmgrand.com](http://mgmgrand.com), 877-880-0880

#### AUGUST 2-11

LAUGHLIN—Lights, A Tribute to Journey, Riverside, [riversideresort.com](http://riversideresort.com), 800-227-3849

#### AUGUST 3

Earth, Wind, & Fire, Hard Rock, [hardrockhotel.com](http://hardrockhotel.com), 800-473-7625

HENDERSON—Martina McBride, Green Valley Ranch, [sclv.com/concerts](http://sclv.com/concerts), 800-745-3000

#### AUGUST 3-5

Coin, Currency, Jewelry, & Stamp Expo, Circus Circus, [shows.bickinternational.com](http://shows.bickinternational.com), 818-997-6496

10,000 Maniacs, South Point, [southpointcasino.com](http://southpointcasino.com), 866-796-7111

#### AUGUST 4

Bret Michaels, Fremont Street Experience, [vegasexperience.com](http://vegasexperience.com), 877-VEGAS4U

Festival in the Pines, Las Vegas Ski & Snowboard Resort, [skilasvegas.com](http://skilasvegas.com), 702-385-2754

Hoodie Awards, MGM Grand, [mgmgrand.com](http://mgmgrand.com), 877-880-0880

Nicki Minaj, Planet Hollywood, [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com), 800-745-3000

SEAL w/ Macy Gray, Palms, [palms.com](http://palms.com), 702-944-3200

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Weird Al Yankovic, Cannery, [cannerycasino.com](http://cannerycasino.com), 866-999-4899

BOULDER CITY—Legends Run (Cross Country), Veterans Memorial Park, [bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com](http://bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com), 702-458-0323

PAHRUMP—Two Pitch Co-Ed All-Nighter, Petrack Park, [pahrpumpnv.org](http://pahrpumpnv.org), 775-727-5107

#### AUGUST 4-5

LAUGHLIN—On the River Poker Series, Golden Nugget, [golden Nugget.com](http://golden Nugget.com), 866-714-4185

RACHEL—E.T. Full Moon Midnight Marathon, [calicoracing.com](http://calicoracing.com), 702-617-3213

#### AUGUST 5

Miss Nevada Jr. High, High School, & Collegiate America, Suncoast, [suncoastcasino.com](http://suncoastcasino.com), 702-636-7075

Rock 'n' Blues Fest, Palms, [palms.com](http://palms.com), 702-944-3200

World Football Challenge (soccer), Sam Boyd Stadium, [unlvtickets.com](http://unlvtickets.com), 702-739-3267

World Hip Hop Dance Championships, Orleans Arena, [orleanscasino.com](http://orleanscasino.com), 800-675-3267

#### AUGUST 7

HENDERSON—National Night Out, Events Plaza, [hendersonlive.com](http://hendersonlive.com), 702-267-5100

#### AUGUST 8

BECK, Palms, [palms.com](http://palms.com), 702-944-3200

#### AUGUST 10

KEM, LVH, [thelvh.com](http://thelvh.com), 800-222-5361

Pitbull, Red Rock Casino Amphitheatre, [sclv.com/concerts](http://sclv.com/concerts), 800-745-3000

LAUGHLIN—Brenton Wood, Tropicana, [tropicanax.com](http://tropicanax.com), 800-243-6846

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Hot August Night! (Neil Diamond tribute), Cannery, [cannerycasino.com](http://cannerycasino.com), 866-999-4899

#### AUGUST 10-11

Peace Frog, Eastside Cannery, [eastsidecannery.com](http://eastsidecannery.com), 866-999-4899

LAUGHLIN—Colorado River Regatta, [bullheadregatta.com](http://bullheadregatta.com), 800-452-8445

PANACA—Lincoln County Fair & Rodeo, Panaca Fairgrounds, [piochenevada.com](http://piochenevada.com), 775-378-9642

#### AUGUST 10-12

John Caparulo, South Point, [southpointcasino.com](http://southpointcasino.com), 866-796-7111

#### AUGUST 11

Bloc Party & Santigold, The Cosmopolitan, [cosmopolitanlasvegas.com](http://cosmopolitanlasvegas.com), 702-698-7120

KISS & Mötley Crüe, Mandalay Bay, [mandalaybay.com](http://mandalaybay.com), 877-632-7800

Toby Keith, Red Rock Casino Amphitheatre, [sclv.com/concerts](http://sclv.com/concerts), 800-745-3000

MESQUITE—Spazmatics, CasaBlanca, [casablancaresort.com](http://casablancaresort.com), 877-438-2929

NORTH LAS VEGAS—The Music of ABBA, Cannery, [cannerycasino.com](http://cannerycasino.com), 866-999-4899

#### AUGUST 11-12

Classic Gaming Expo, Plaza Hotel, [cgexpo.com](http://cgexpo.com)

Fern Adair presents Concert Fantasy & Fantasy Petite 2012, The Smith Center, [thesmithcenter.com](http://thesmithcenter.com), 702-749-2000

#### AUGUST 13

Diana Krall, The Smith Center, [thesmithcenter.com](http://thesmithcenter.com), 702-749-2000





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## AUGUST 14

LAUGHLIN—"Defending the Caveman," Harrah's, harrahslaughlin.com

## AUGUST 14-19

"La Cage Aux Folies," The Smith Center, thesmithcenter.com, 702-749-2000

## AUGUST 15-17

Vegas to Reno (off-road race), bitd.com, 702-457-5775

## AUGUST 16-19

Barbara Cook, The Smith Center, thesmithcenter.com, 702-749-2000

LAUGHLIN—Tribute to the King: Don Rose, Riverside, riversideresort.com, 800-227-3849

## AUGUST 17

Rick Springfield, Eastside Cannery, eastsidecannery.com, 866-999-4899

## AUGUST 17-19

The Kingston Trio, South Point, southpointcasino.com, 866-796-7111

GOLDFIELD—Goldfield Days Celebration & Land Auction, goldfieldnevada.org, 775-485-3560

## AUGUST 17-26

LVCHA Futurity, Aged Event, & Open Cutting, South Point, southpointeventscntr.com, 702-796-7111

## AUGUST 18

Colbie Caillat & Gavin DeGraw, Mandalay Bay, mandalaybay.com, 877-632-7400

Coyote Countryfest featuring Ronnie Dunn, Orleans Arena, orleanscasino.com, 800-675-3267

Enrique Iglesias, Jennifer Lopez, & Wisin y Yandel; Mandalay Bay, mandalaybay.com, 877-632-7400

Music on the Mountain Concert Series, Las Vegas Ski & Snowboard Resort, skilasvegas.com, 702-385-2754

NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Late Night Special, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, lvms.com, 702-644-4444

Survivor, Fremont Street Experience, vegasexperience.com, 877-VEGAS4U

LAUGHLIN—King of the Cage Mixed Martial Arts Fights, E Center, coloradobelle.com, 702-298-2453

## AUGUST 18-19

TONOPAH—Old Timers Picnic & Dance, Jim Butler Park, tonopahnevada.com, 775-482-6336

## AUGUST 19

YES w/ Procol Harum, Palms, palms.com, 702-944-3200

## AUGUST 19-21

BEAVER DAM STATE PARK—Nevada Trappers Association Rendezvous, 775-726-3655

## AUGUST 20-31

RACHEL—JEFX 2012 Exercise, rachel-nevada.com, 775-729-2515

## AUGUST 22

Steve Martin & The Steep Canyon Rangers, The Smith Center, thesmithcenter.com, 702-749-2000

## AUGUST 22-SEPTEMBER 2

LAUGHLIN—Moonwalker: Music of Michael Jackson, Riverside, riversideresort.com, 800-227-3849

## AUGUST 24

The Symphonic Rock Show, The Smith Center, thesmithcenter.com, 702-749-2000

HENDERSON—Huey Lewis & The News, Green Valley Ranch, greenvalleyranchresort.com, 800-745-3000

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Michael Grimm, Aliante Station, aliante casinohotel.com, 877-477-7627

## AUGUST 24-25

Formula DRIFT 2012 Pro Championship, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, lvms.com, 702-644-4444

Jack Jones, South Point, southpointcasino.com, 866-796-7111

## AUGUST 25

Tanya Tucker, Boulder Station, boulderstation.com, 800-745-3000

NORTH LAS VEGAS—American Roller Derby: San Francisco Bay Bombers vs. L.A. FireBirds, Texas Station, texasstation.com, 800-678-2846

## AUGUST 26

Vegas Rocks! Magazine Awards Show, Hard Rock, hardrockhotel.com, 800-473-7625

## AUGUST 26-29

LAUGHLIN—Karaoke Seniors USA Contest, Riverside Resort, karaokeseniorsusacontest.com, 702-535-4985

## AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 2

Las Vegas Restaurant Week, citywide, helpoutdineoutlv.org

## AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 1

HENDERSON—Miracles Happen!, Convention Center, hendersonlive.com, 281-789-7500

## AUGUST 31

Whoopi Goldberg, Treasure Island, treasureisland.com, 800-392-1999

Ziggy Marley, Mandalay Bay, mandalaybay.com, 877-632-7400

## AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 2

Pauly Shore, South Point, southpointcasino.com, 866-796-7111

## AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 3

PIOCHE—Labor Day Celebration, piochenevada.com, 775-962-5848

Andrew Dice Clay, Riviera; July 5-8, 26-29; Aug. 2-5, 9-19, 30-Sept. 2; rivierahotel.com, 800-634-3420

Anthony Cools, Paris, dark Mon. & Wed., parislasvegas.com, 877-374-7469

The Australian Bee Gees Show, Excalibur, dark Fri., excalibur.com, 702-597-7600

Barbra & Frank: The Concert That Never Was, Westin Las Vegas Hotel, select dates, barbraandfrank.com, 702-449-8235

"The Beatles LOVE," by Cirque du Soleil, Mirage, dark Tues. & Wed., mirage.com, 800-963-9634

"BeatleShow!" Saxe Theater, nightly, saxetheater.com, 702-318-6490

Big Elvis, Harrah's, dark Wed., harrahslasvegas.com, 702-369-5111

"Black's Magic," Giordano Theatre, dark Mon., giordanotheatres.com, 702-650-7677

Blue Man Group, The Venetian, nightly, venetian.com, 800-258-3626

Boulder Blues, Boulder Station, Sat., boulderstation.com, 866-264-1818

Carlos Santana, House of Blues; Sept. 12, 14-16, 19, 21-23; houseofblues.com/santana, 800-745-3000

Carrot Top, Luxor, dark Tues., luxor.com, 702-262-4400

CeeLo Green Presents "LOBERACE," Planet Hollywood; Aug. 29-31; Sept. 1, 5-8, 12-15, 19-22, 29-29; ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

Celine Dion, Caesars Palace; July 1, 3-4, 6-8, 24-25, 28-29, 31; Aug. 1, 4-5, 7-8, 11-12, 14-15, 17-19; thecolosseum.com, 877-423-5463

Clint Holmes, The Smith Center, first weekend of the month, thesmithcenter.com, 702-749-2000

"Confessions of a Rock Star," Riviera, dark Tues., rivierahotel.com, 800-634-3420

Cook E. Jarr, Bill's Gamblin' Hall & Saloon, Sat. & Sun., billslasvegas.com, 866-245-5745

Corro-VanSuch, Tuscany Suites, dark Mon., tuscanylv.com, 702-893-8933

"Country Superstars," Golden Nugget; dark Sun. & Mon. & July 4, 6-7, 11; goldennugget.com, 866-946-5336

"CRISS ANGEL Believe" by Cirque du Soleil, Luxor, dark Sun. & Mon., luxor.com, 702-262-4400

"Dancing Queen," New York-New York, dark Mon., newyorknewyork.com, 866-606-7111

Dancing with the Stars: Live In Las Vegas, Tropicana, dark Tues., troplv.com, 702-739-2411

Daniel Tosh, Mirage, July 20-21, mirage.com, 800-963-9634

David Copperfield, MGM Grand, June 21-Sept. 5, mgmgrand.com, 866-740-7711

"Defending the Caveman," Harrah's, daily & nightly, harrahslasvegas.com, 702-369-5111

The Dennis Bono Show, South Point, Thurs., southpointcasino.com, 866-796-7111

## ONGOING SHOWS

"Absinthe," Caesars Palace, dark Mon., ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

The Amazing Johnathan, Harmon Theater, dark Sun. & Mon., harmontheater.com, 702-836-0836





"Divas Las Vegas," Imperial Palace, dark Fri.,  
imperialpalace.com, 888-777-7664

Donny & Marie Osmond, Flamingo,  
dark Sun. & Mon. & July 4, 29-31; Aug. 1-20;  
flamingolasvegas.com, 800-221-7299

"Dream the Impossible," Clarion, dark Sun. & Mon.,  
wolftheaterlasvegas.com, 702-990-1524

Eddie Griffin, King's Room, Mon.-Wed.,  
kingsroomlv.com, 800-390-5240

Evil Dead The Musical, Variety Theater, Fri. & Sat.,  
varietytheater.com, 866-932-1818

Frankie Moreno, Stratosphere; Wed., Fri. & Sat.;  
stratospherehotel.com, 702-380-7777

Garth Brooks, Wynn Las Vegas, July 19-21,  
Aug. 17-18, wyynnlasvegas.com, 702-770-1000

George Lopez, Mirage, Aug. 24-25, mirage.com,  
800-963-9634

George Wallace, Flamingo, dark Sun. & Mon. & July  
24-28; Aug. 21-31; flamingolasvegas.com, 800-221-7299

Gordie Brown, Golden Nugget; dark Sun. & Mon. &  
thru July 9 & July 11; goldennugget.com,  
702-386-8100

Grandma Lee, King's Room, Thurs.-Sun.,  
kingsroomlv.com, 800-390-5240

"Hitzville—The Show," Variety Theater, dark Sun.,  
varietytheater.com, 866-932-1818

Human Nature, Imperial Palace, dark Thurs. & Fri. &  
July 9-20, imperialpalace.com, 888-777-7664

"Hypnotiq," Harmon Theater, nightly,  
harmontheater.com, 702-836-0836

"ILLUSIONS," Riviera, dark Wed., rivierahotel.com,  
800-634-3420

Jabbawockeez, Monte Carlo, dark Tues. & Wed.,  
montecarlo.com, 877-386-8224

Jay Bolan Acoustic Retro Rock Show, Four Queens,  
Sun.-Wed., tickets.fourqueens.com, 800-634-6045

Jay Leno, Mirage, July 7, Aug. 31, mirage.com,  
800-963-9634

Jeff Civillico, Imperial Palace, daily,  
imperialpalace.com, 888-777-7664

"Jersey Boys," Paris, dark Mon.,  
parislasvegas.com, 702-777-7776

John Edward, Flamingo, July 21,  
flamingolasvegas.com, 800-221-7299

"KÅ" by Cirque du Soleil, MGM Grand, dark Sun. &  
Mon., mgmgrand.com, 800-929-1111

Kevin Burke, Mind-Blowing Comedy, The D, nightly,  
thed.com, 702-388-2400

"Le Rêve—The Dream," Wynn Las Vegas, dark Wed.  
& Thurs., wyynnlasvegas.com, 702-770-9966

"Legends in Concert," Harrah's, dark Sat.,  
harrahslasvegas.com, 702-369-5111

Louie Anderson's "Big Baby Boomer," Palace  
Station, Wed.-Sat., palacestation.com, 702-547-5300

Mac King Comedy Magic Show, Harrah's, dark Sun. &  
Mon., harrahslasvegas.com, 702-369-5222

"Magic & Mayhem," Saxe Theater, dark Fri.,  
saxetheater.com, 702-318-6490

Marc Savard—Comedy Hypnosis, Variety Theater,  
dark Fri., varietytheater.com, 866-932-1818

"Marriage Can Be Murder," The D, nightly,  
thed.com, 702-388-2400

Matt Goss, Caesars Palace, Fri. & Sat.,  
ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

"Menopause The Musical," Luxor, nightly,  
luxor.com, 702-262-4400

"The Mentalist Live!," Variety Theater, dark Wed.,  
varietytheater.com, 866-932-1818

Michael WHEELS Parise, King's Room, dark Sun.,  
kingsroomlv.com, 800-390-5240

"Mystère" by Cirque du Soleil, Treasure Island,  
dark Thurs. & Fri., treasureisland.com, 866-712-9308

Nathan Burton, Flamingo, dark Mon.,  
flamingolasvegas.com, 800-221-7299

"Nunsense," LVH, dark Fri., thelvh.com,  
888-732-7117

"O" by Cirque du Soleil, Bellagio, dark Mon. & Tues.,  
bellagio.com, 888-488-7111

Penn & Teller, Rio, dark Thurs. & Fri.,  
riolasvegas.com, 702-777-7776

Pete's Dueling Piano Bar, Town Square Las Vegas,  
dark Sun. & Mon., petesduelingpiano.com,  
702-220-7383

"Phantom: The Las Vegas Spectacular,"  
The Venetian, dark Sun., venetian.com,  
866-641-7469

The Platters, The Cornell Gunter Coasters, &  
The Marvelettes, Crown Theater, nightly,  
thecrownvegas.com, 888-727-6966

Popovich's Comedy Pet Theater, Variety Theater,  
dark Wed., varietytheater.com, 866-932-1818

"The Price is Right Live," Bally's, dark Mon. & Tues.,  
ballyslasvegas.com, 877-374-7469

Purple Reign: The Prince Tribute Show,  
D Las Vegas, Thurs.-Sun., thed.com, 702-388-2400

"The Rat Pack is Back," Crown Theater, nightly,  
thecrownvegas.com, 888-727-6966

Recycled Percussion, Tropicana, dark Tues.,  
troplv.com, 702-739-2411

Remembering Red—A Tribute to Red Skelton,  
Westin Las Vegas Hotel, Sat.-Tues.,  
redskeltoncomedyshow.com, 800-595-4849

Rita Rudner, The Venetian; July 18, 23, 25; Aug. 6, 13;  
venetian.com, 866-641-7469

Rod Stewart: The Hits, Caesars Palace; Sept. 19,  
22-23, 26, 29-30; Oct. 3, 6-7; thecolosseum.com,  
888-435-8665

Ron White, Mirage, July 13-14, Aug. 3-4,  
mirage.com, 800-963-9634

Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack Show, LVH, dark Mon.,  
thelvh.com, 888-732-7117

"Senses," Giordano Theatre, dark Mon.,  
giordanotheatres.com, 702-650-7677

Seth Grabel Magic, Royal Resort, Wed.-Sat.,  
sethgrabel.com, 702-530-1641

Seth Meyers, Mirage, July 6, mirage.com,  
800-963-9634

"Shades of Sinatra," Clarion; Tues., Wed., Thurs.,  
& Sat.; wolftheaterlasvegas.com, 702-990-1524

"Show in the Sky," Rio, Thurs.-Sat.,  
riolasvegas.com, 702-777-7776

"Sirens of TI," Treasure Island, nightly,  
treasureisland.com, 866-712-9308

"Spirit of the Dance," New York-New York,  
dark Mon., newyorknewyork.com, 866-606-7111

SQUAWK (bird show), Royal Resort, Fri.-Sun.,  
royalhotelvegas.com, 800-634-6118

Stefan Vanel, Harmon Theater, dark Mon.,  
harmontheater.com, 702-836-0836

Surf the Musical, Planet Hollywood, dark Thurs.,  
ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

Taylor Hicks, Bally's, dark Wed. & Sun.,  
ballyslasvegas.com, 877-374-7469

Terry Fator: Ventriloquism in Concert, Mirage,  
dark Sun. & Mon., mirage.com, 800-963-9634

Thursdays Live, The Cosmopolitan,  
cosmopolitanlasvegas.com, 702-698-7120

Tim Allen, The Venetian, Aug. 3-4, venetian.com,  
866-641-7469

"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," Bally's, nightly,  
ballyslasvegas.com, 877-374-7469

"Tournament of Kings," Excalibur, dark Tues.,  
excalibur.com, 702-597-7600

Trent Carlini as "The King," LVH, dark Tues.,  
thelvh.com, 888-732-7117

"V—The Ultimate Variety Show," Variety Theater,  
nightly, varietytheater.com, 866-932-1818

"Vegas! The Show," Saxe Theater, nightly,  
saxetheater.com, 702-260-7200

\*"Viva ELVIS" by Cirque du Soleil, Aria, dark Sun. &  
Mon., ariolasvegas.com, 877-25-ELVIS  
*\*Final performance will be in Aug.*

"Voices of a Generation," starring Rich Natole,  
Giordano Theatre, dark Mon.,  
giordanotheatres.com, 702-650-7677

"WICKED," The Smith Center; Aug. 29-31; Sept. 1-2;  
Sept. 4-Oct. 7; thesmithcenter.com, 702-749-2000

"WIRED" w/ Jeff Timmons, Green Valley Ranch  
Resort, Fri. & Sat., greenvalleyranchresort.com,  
702-617-7777

"ZUMANITY, the Sensual Side of Cirque du Soleil,"  
New York-New York, dark Wed. & Thurs.,  
newyorknewyork.com, 866-606-7111

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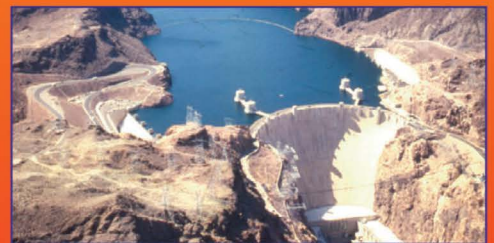
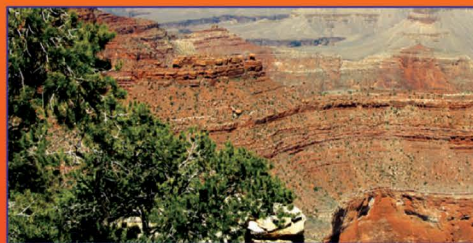
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BY MATTHEW B. BROWN

It's the middle of August, and outside of our air-conditioned Toyota Yaris rental car is a figurative inferno—the temperature is somewhere between 115 and 120 degrees. But inside the car is the last place we'd rather be, not with the discoveries that await with each stop along the way. This is our first time exploring Southern Nevada's Valley of Fire State Park, and we're mesmerized by the place. It's even better than advertised.

While the height of summer is not the recommended season to do so, no matter what time of year you visit the park, you will not be disappointed by its iconic red sandstone landscapes and dramatic rainbow vistas.

That's just two paragraphs from a chapter in the ongoing story of *Nevada Magazine* discovering our Nevada. But for two months, our Nevada Commission on Tourism partners asked you to Discover Your Nevada, in a campaign in which the public voted for their favorite Silver State treasures. Here are the results—a six-pack of Nevada gems (one from each territory), starting with Valley of Fire State Park.





# THE SILVER STATE'S SIX TREASURES ARE REVEALED



A couple begins a leisurely summer hike on Valley of Fire State Park's Petroglyph Canyon Trail.

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Some of Nevada's six treasures, including Valley of Fire State Park (above), even make great wedding destinations. Petroglyphs (bottom left) are numerous in the park, including this foot carving at Atlatl Rock.

## Nevada's largest and oldest state park is a tourist hotspot.

Roughly an hour's drive northeast of Las Vegas lies a true Silver State treasure, which the state officially recognized as such in 1935 when it dedicated it as Nevada's inaugural state park.

Since then, Valley of Fire—named for the red sandstone formations that define it—has welcomed world travelers interested in camping, hiking, picnicking, photography, and history.

The visitor center, open daily, offers a comprehensive history lesson. Numerous educational exhibits keep guests occupied for hours, as does the gift shop, which sells postcards, books, cactus candies, and various souvenirs. Also, early native inhabitants of the region, and later the Shoshone and Southern Paiute people of Moapa Valley, left petroglyphs (rock carvings) that are visible on a number of the park's trails.

If a day trip is not enough, there are two campgrounds—available on a first-come, first-serve basis—with a combined 72 units (20 of which are RV-friendly). Shaded tables, grills, water, fire pits, and restrooms await visitors, and a dump station and showers are available. Three

day-use group areas, each accommodating up to 45 people, can be reserved by calling the park.

Spring and fall are the optimal tourist seasons, as summer highs routinely exceed 100 degrees, and winter mornings and nights can be bitterly cold. In early spring, the park hosts the annual World Atlatl (a notched stick used by prehistoric peoples to add slingshot power to the throwing of a spear) Association contest.

**DISCOVER:** Petroglyph Canyon Trail provides one of the park's premier views of Indian rock art and ends at Mouse's Tank, a stream-worn basin that holds water even in extreme drought and is named for a renegade Southern Paiute who preyed on Indians and settlers alike in the 1890s.

**GOOD TO KNOW:** An entrance fee is charged per vehicle upon entering the park. Use of the campgrounds requires an additional fee. Pets are welcome, but they must be kept on a leash of no more than six feet in length and are not allowed in the visitor center.

"Fantastic views and amazing colors and formations!"

—Dave Miller, Facebook





DINI ESPLIN

Longtime Star Bar & Dining Room customers Jack and Kathy Taylor, who own Fox Springs Ranch in Elko, toast with Picon Punches served by Star bartender Natalie Pacini.

## More than a century of Basque tradition shines bright at The Star.

Try to say the word “Basque” in Elko without someone immediately saying “The Star.” The words are practically interchangeable in Elko-speak, and residents are ready and willing to inform even a complete stranger of this.

That is because The Star Bar & Dining Room has been serving up some of Elko’s best family-style Basque and European-style food for more than a century in an old-world atmosphere. The former Star Hotel (lodging is no longer offered at the building) opened in December 1910. Original owner Pete Jauregui aimed to create a gathering place for the region’s Basques, many of whom were shearers that had immigrated to America.

Today, the Elko restaurant and lounge pro-

vides a social hub for all who sit at its bar or post up (come hungry) here for lunch or dinner. Current owner Scotty Ygoa says The Star has been Basque-owned for all of its 102 years. “This place has a lot of history,” he says. “Our focus is keeping the traditions alive and hopefully keeping [The Star] around for another 100 years.”

The Star is known for its house-aged and cut beef. One bite of any of the enormous, flavorful steaks will make you immediately grateful for the extra attention the restaurant pays to the meat. Family-style dinner includes all the usual suspects, such as soup, French bread, salad with an unmatched house dressing, Basque beans, vegetables, fries, and spaghetti.

**DISCOVER:** If you need a little added incentive to visit Elko, the city hosts its National Basque Festival from July 6-8, when The Star is even more lively than usual.

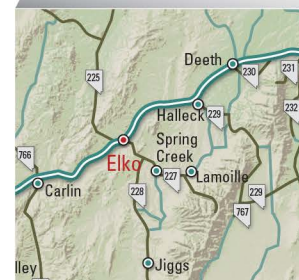
**GOOD TO KNOW:** If you spend time around a Basque restaurant, you’re bound to be introduced to the staple drink, the Picon Punch (one’s not enough, and three’s too many). Also, the restaurant is closed on Sundays.

“Love the Star Hotel; best food and friendliest people in Elko.” —**Phil Burdine**, Facebook



Dining Room

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The Star’s iconic sign stands out in downtown Elko and tempts hungry passersby.



"This is one of my favorite places in Nevada; so unique and in such an unusual setting." — **Linda Binns**, Facebook



"The Last Supper" sculpture, designed in 1984 by Polish artist Albert Szukalski, has not only stood the test of time, it has lived on to become the genesis piece of the Goldwell Open Air Museum. The museum, just outside of the tourist-friendly ghost town of Rhyolite, west of Beatty, consists of eight outdoor sculptures.

## Outdoor art museum only adds to the allure of a popular ghost town.

Rhyolite's handful of picturesque buildings and ruins and proximity to Beatty and U.S. Highway 95 make it one of Nevada's most-visited ghost towns. The advent of nearby Goldwell Open Air Museum, established in the 1980s, gives tourists even more incentive to discover this corner of southwestern Nevada.

The museum consists of eight outdoor sculptures, a visitor center, and the Red Barn Art Center. "The Last Supper" sculpture, created by artist Albert Szukalski in 1984 (effectively marking the museum's origination), is among the most commonly photographed exhibits at the museum. The 13 ghostly figures, which permanently sit on an old boardwalk, were the subject of the September/October 2010 cover of *Nevada Magazine*. The same artist's "Ghost Rider" and "Desert Flower" pieces are popular as well.

Szukalski's work is part of the many large-scale sculptures that comprise the overall creative space—"art where it seemingly shouldn't be," according to the website. You can't miss Dr. Hugo

Heyrman's "Lady Desert: The Venus of Nevada," now 20 years old. The tall pink cinderblock sculpture of a woman stands out noticeably in its Mojave Desert surrounds. Sofie Siegmann's "Sit Here!," installed and restored at the museum in 2007, is a brightly and ornately decorated couch that—unlike most pieces of art—actually encourages human contact.

These are just a few of the oddities that can be expected at one of Nevada's most unusual museums. If you fancy yourself an artist, you can apply for a residency on the museum's website.

**DISCOVER:** Goldwell Open Air Museum's artist residency program has hosted more than 60 painters, printmakers, sculptors, and composers since launching in 2007.

It presents Albert's Tarantella, an "eclectic evening of music, art, and theatre in a historic ghost-town setting," in alternate years. The 2011 event was held in early October.

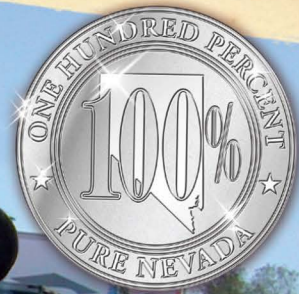
**GOOD TO KNOW:** The Goldwell Open Air Museum offers free admission and welcomes guests 24/7. The visitor center and gift shop is open daily except Sundays. Commercial photography, film, and video recording require permission from the property owners.



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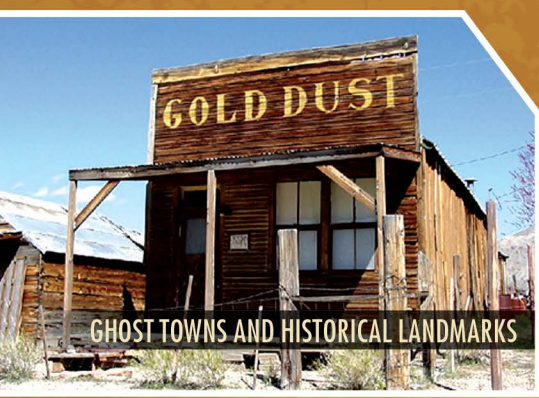




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Carson Valley's Dangberg Home Ranch Historic Park contains a plethora of artifacts from the Dangberg family, which founded Minden in 1905. The town was named for a town near the German birthplace of immigrant Heinrich Friedrich Dangberg.

## Get to know one of Carson Valley's most influential ranching families.

One of the first-ever Mickey Mouse toys, the oldest known pair of Levi's in Nevada, Christmas cards from a litany of Nevada Governors, and the oldest electric refrigerator in Carson Valley are only a handful of the nearly 40,000 artifacts found at Dangberg Home Ranch Historic Park, in Minden off State Route 88.

German immigrant Heinrich Friedrich Dangberg homesteaded a patch of land near present-day Minden in 1857 and within a few decades became a successful rancher, businessman, and politician. By the time of his death in 1904, the Dangberg Land and Live Stock Company held more than 30,000 acres in Carson Valley, Douglas County, and California's Alpine County.

The Dangbergs are revered as the most prominent ranching family in Carson Valley history, having founded Minden in 1905. Suc-

cessive Dangberg generations inhabited and improved upon the original cabin and continued to hold prominence throughout the region well into the 20th century.

Today, the ranch house and surrounding out buildings hold the memories of four generations of Dangbergs. Despite state budget woes that caused the park to be dropped from the Nevada Division of State Parks system in mid-2011, the ranch and home are maintained and shared with the public thanks to the work of the nonprofit Friends of Dangberg Home Ranch and Douglas County.

The park hosts a comedic melodrama with a ranching theme July 28-29, and the Carson Valley Community Theater presents a western-themed "radio" program August 15-16. Annual exhibits include a clothing exhibit in October and a toy exhibit in December, both featuring artifacts not seen during regular tours.

**DISCOVER:** Guided tours (reservations are required) take visitors through the main residence, where artifacts and stories connect more than 150 years of Nevada history. Tours are \$8 per person 17 and older, and children are free.

**GOOD TO KNOW:** The picturesque ranch is available for weddings and other special events. The park provides a beautiful setting for large or small ceremonies, receptions, and dinners.

"This is a must stop for history buffs and anyone who likes a leisurely tour in a beautiful setting."

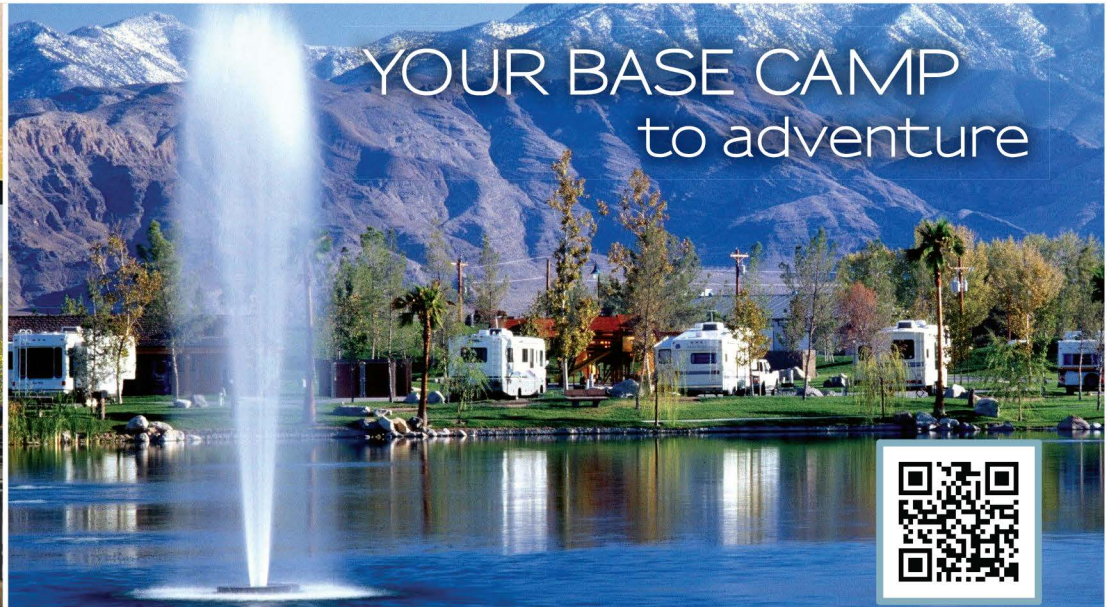
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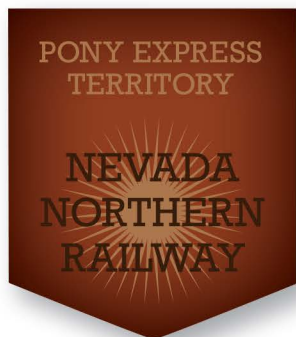
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- 4th of July Fireworks Express & Ice Cream Social
- Rockin' & Rollin' Geology Dinner Train, July 7 & Aug. 11
- Steptoe Valley Flyer Dinner Train, July 14 & Aug. 18
- BBQ Express, July 21 & Aug. 4
- Railroad Reality Weeks:  
Teen/Adult Session: July 22-28  
Adult Session: Aug. 17-25  
Limit 12 per session
- Wild West Limited Dinner Train, July 28 & Aug. 25
- Plein-Air Outdoor Art Festival, Sept. 1-2

## It's full steam ahead at Ely's proud National Historic Landmark.

"The Nevada Northern Railway is the last of its kind," says Nevada Northern Railway Executive Director Mark Bassett. "It's the sole survivor from a grand era in the Silver State."

This popular Ely attraction (or is it East Ely? Ask Bassett when you see him; it's a great conversation starter) is unique in that it's a National Historic Landmark and a museum—but not the stereotypical museum that some visualize when they hear that word. "It's an operating historical railroad," Bassett says, "instead of relics in glass cases or repainted old equipment on static display. Here you can witness a working steam railroad."

Nevada Northern Railway recently introduced its "spend the night at the museum" program. Guests can sleep in either a caboose or bunkhouse in the original 1900s rail yard. "You can sit in the cupola and watch as the sun goes down... imagine what it was like during the heyday of the railroad," Bassett says, adding that reservations are strongly recommended.

If an overnigher isn't enough to satisfy the train lover in you, Railroad Reality Week for adults and teens allows participants to get their hands dirty in the shop and work on the track as part of the train crew for multiple days, but not before you're asked to pass a safety/training test.

In addition to those listed on this page, popular events are the annual Nevada Railway



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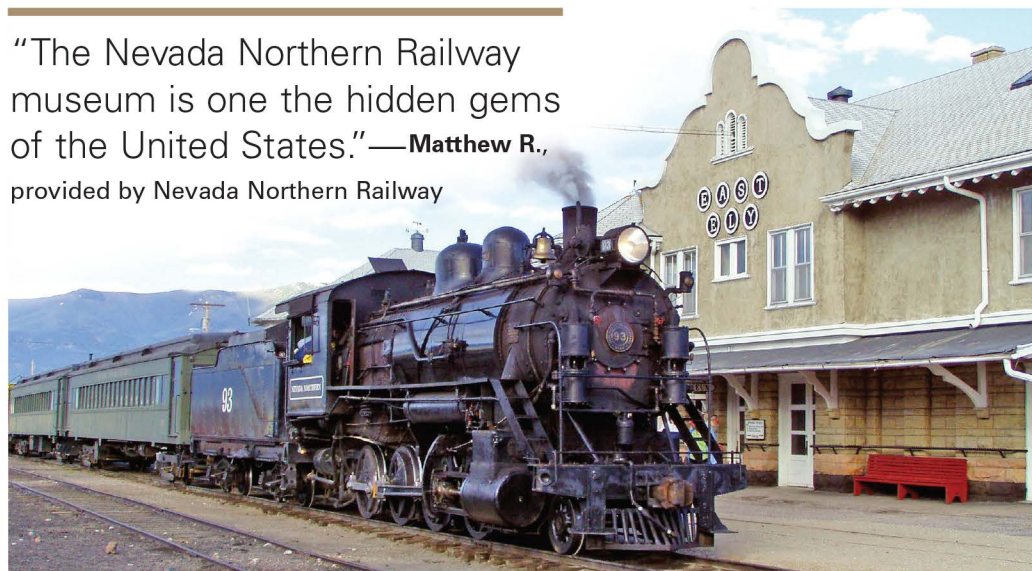
Tunnels are just a part of the passenger experience when historic trains chuff the lines of Ely's Nevada Northern Railway throughout the year.

Symposium and Taste of Italy Dinner Train in September; Haunted Ghost Trains in October; and the Polar Express in November and December. The Wild West Limited Dinner Train debuted in June, with more runnings upcoming.

**DISCOVER:** The ultimate Nevada Northern Railway experience is its "Be the Engineer" opportunity. Drivers are given the opportunity to operate a steam locomotive, diesel locomotive, or both—with the freight cars attached!

**GOOD TO KNOW:** For the sixth year in a row, Nevada Northern Railway was selected in the *Nevada Magazine* Best of Nevada readers' survey as the number one Place to Take the Kids in the Rural Nevada category. In addition, the railway has been featured on History Channel's reality TV show "American Restoration" four times.

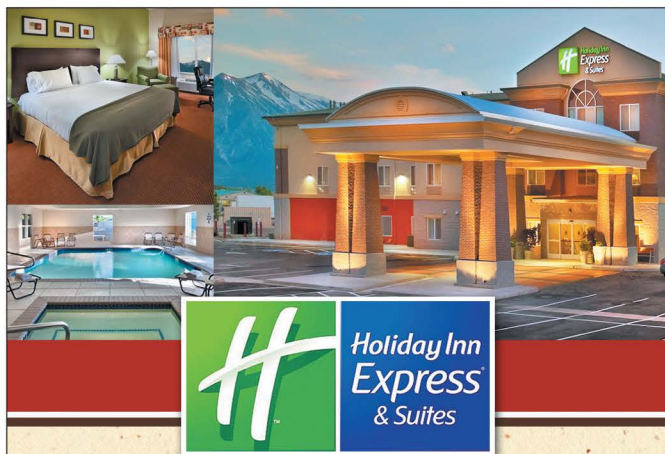
"The Nevada Northern Railway museum is one the hidden gems of the United States." —**Matthew R.**, provided by Nevada Northern Railway







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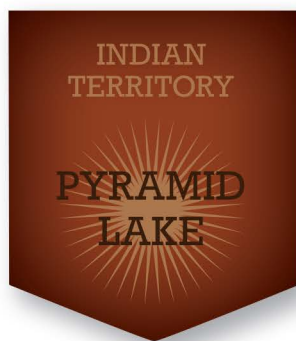


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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fourth of July  
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- Sacred Visions  
Powwow  
(Wadsworth),  
July 20-22
- Labor Day Weekend  
at Pyramid Lake,  
Aug. 29-Sept. 3
- Opening Day of  
Fishing Season,  
Oct. 1

“Discover Your Nevada has reaffirmed what the Tribe has always known: There is great fishing and recreation, but it’s the people and the culture that make Pyramid Lake special.”

—**Scott Carey**, Tribal Planner



## This sacred Northern Nevada lake stands out like a desert jewel.

May 2012 was a historic month for tourism at Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation.

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe recently hosted the Symbiosis Gathering: Pyramid Eclipse from May 17-21 on the east side of Pyramid Lake. “This was the first event of this size to be held on the reservation since a Grateful Dead concert in 1986,” says Tribal Planner Scott Carey. “The gathering attracted more than 7,000 people and featured musicians and artists from more than 40 countries.”

An annular solar eclipse occurred on May 20, and Pyramid Lake was promoted as one of the best places to view the cosmic rarity. “The event brought people from all over the world,” Carey adds. “Viewing events were held at the Pyramid Lake Museum and Pyramid Lake High School in Nixon, while thousands of others viewed the eclipse from the shores of Pyramid Lake.”

Since explorer John C. Fremont recorded his first impressions of Pyramid Lake in 1844, people have been discovering this Northern Nevada lake for themselves that the native *Kooyoee Ticutta* Northern Paiute people have held sacred for more than 9,000 years. Although it doesn’t contain the pine tree-covered mountainous

backdrop of its sister Lake Tahoe—the two are connected by the Truckee River—it’s still a pleasant surprise amid its desert landscape.

*Kooyoee Ticutta* translates to “Cui-ui eaters,” referring to the large species of suckerfish found nowhere else in the world but Pyramid Lake. More important to tourism, however, is another type of fish, the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, which are prized by fishermen who can be seen in droves on the lake during the fall and winter fishing season. Pyramid Lake is one of a few lakes in the world with a Lahontan Cutthroat Trout population, which three hatcheries on the reservation work to preserve.

**DISCOVER:** The Pyramid Lake Museum and Visitors Center—designed to resemble a tepee—is a treasure trove of Northern Paiute artifacts and history. State Routes 445, 446, and 447 curl around the southern end of the lake and make up a National Scenic Byway.

**GOOD TO KNOW:** Sizeable sections of the lake and its shoreline, including Anaho Island (the largest breeding colony for the American White Pelican in North America), The Needle Rocks, and Pyramid Island (see photo at top), are off limits to the public. Tribal permits, which can be purchased online or at many retailers on the reservation and in nearby Reno and Sparks, are required to access other parts of the lake.





PHOTOS: CHARLIE JOHNSTON

Governor Brian Sandoval presents one of the six Discover Your Nevada plaques to Tribal Planner Scott Carey (left) and Tribal Chairman Wayne Burke (middle) at Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation on May 22. Below, Sandoval stands with Lieutenant Governor Brian K. Krolicki and Sherry Rupert, executive director of the Nevada Indian Commission.

## Silver State Governors hit the Discover Your Nevada campaign trail.

When Governor Brian Sandoval and Lieutenant Governor Brian K. Krolicki stood together at Reno's Wilbur D. May Museum on March 1 to announce the launch of the Discover Your Nevada campaign, one of the moments that

had the room chuckling was when Sandoval referenced the mid-20th century "Road to..." movies starring Bing Crosby and Bob Hope.

Sandoval was poking fun at the fact that he and Krolicki were going to accompany one another on three Nevada road trips later in the year. The first of those trips was May 22 to Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation. "The Road to Pyramid Lake" (don't look for it in theaters any time soon) included a presentation of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's Discover Your Nevada plaque to tribal dignitaries.

"Today has brought together three of my favorite things: friendship, history, and culture," Sandoval said in his closing remarks. "It has truly been a privilege and an honor to visit Pyramid Lake." Krolicki added: "The essence of Discover Your Nevada has been learning who we are, what Nevada is; and Pyramid Lake is [a big part of] that."

The governors also visited Southern Nevada at the end of May, and—at the time this issue went to press—they planned to tour the Fort Churchill State Historic Park area in June. At the March 1 press conference, Sandoval stated that the main purpose of Discover Your Nevada is to encourage visitation within the state. ▀



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### Where's the Governor?

Governor Brian Sandoval is also hitting the road with his family to check out Nevada's hidden gems—ghost towns, hometown diners, interesting geological formations, and more—as part of the Discover Your Nevada campaign. Follow Sandoval's travel journal and see photos at [travelnevada.com/discover/blog](http://travelnevada.com/discover/blog).



### Discover Your Nevada Campaign: By the Numbers

Nearly 110,000 votes were recorded in the Nevada Commission on Tourism's Discover Your Nevada campaign. Almost 600 unique nominations and more than 500 hours of voting later, the public has determined Nevada's treasures. Read more about these six attractions at [discoveryournevada.com](http://discoveryournevada.com).



# 15th Annual Readers' Survey

**Best of  
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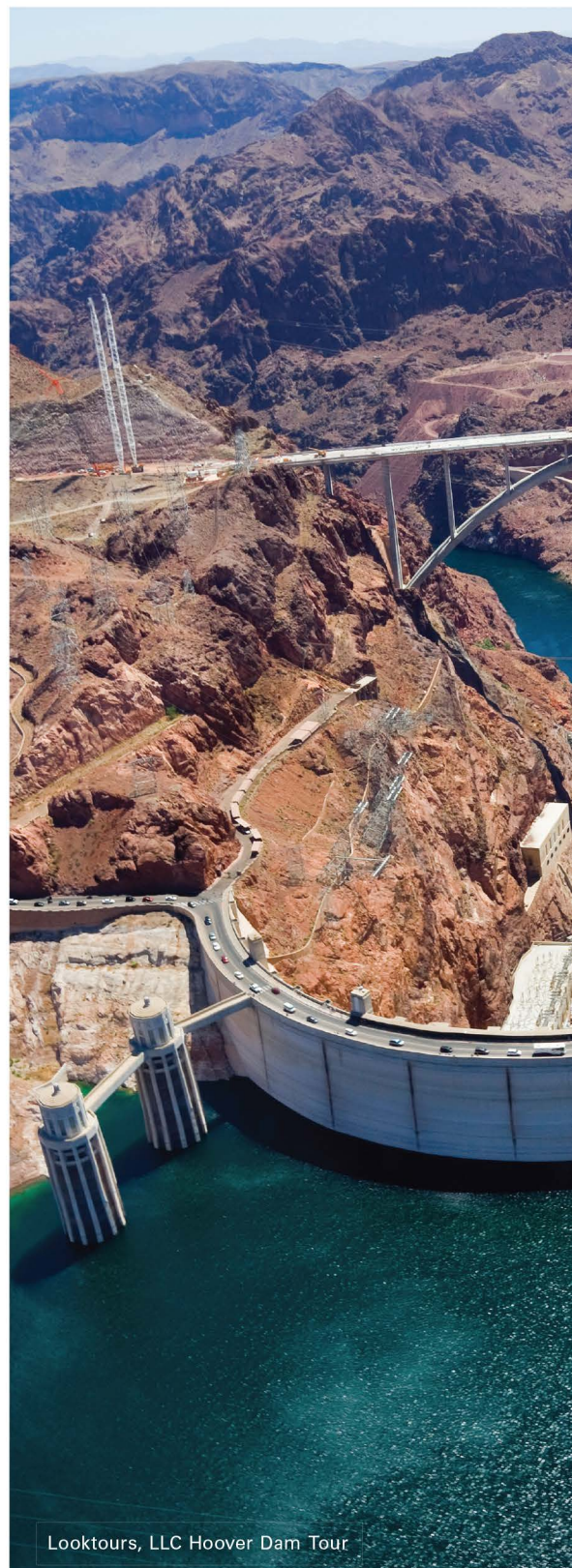
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Once a year we ask you, our readers, to select your favorite spots to splurge, pig out, and pamper yourselves; your preferred places to hit the slopes, swing your clubs, and dance the night away; and your go-to destinations for rolling the dice, taking in a show, and resting your head. And we take your answers seriously—so seriously, in fact, that we call them the Best of Nevada.

Some of this year's winners take home multiple awards—Reno's Peppermill Resort Spa Casino won best casino, hotel, nightclub, spa, and wedding venue. Some return to defend their "Best of" titles: Cactus Creek Prime Steakhouse at Reno's Bonanza Casino and Great Basin Brewing Company in Reno and Sparks have each won numerous times (read more about the Best of Nevada restaurants, buffets, and breweries starting on page 30). Some make their first Best of Nevada appearances—The Mob Museum in Las Vegas and Reno's Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum both opened within the last year. Without further ado, **THE WINNERS ARE...**

Note: Complete Best of Nevada list starts on page 72.



Looktours, LLC Hoover Dam Tour





## BEST TOUR COMPANY: SOUTH

### Looktours, LLC

You'd spend less time listing the tours this Las Vegas-based tour broker doesn't offer, rather than those it does. Tourists can see such attractions as Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, and Valley of Fire State Park via plane, helicopter, bus, raft, kayak, 4x4, ATV, horse, glider, sailplane, on foot—or a combination thereof.

Take the second-ranked tour on the Looktours, LLC website, for instance—the Combo Tour from Las Vegas to the Grand Canyon's West Rim. The 7.5-hour adventure includes two 40-minute airplane sightseeing flights, helicopter flights from the canyon's edge to its base (and back), a 20-minute pontoon riverboat ride

on the Colorado River, and a narrated sightseeing bus tour around the Grand Canyon West Rim to Guano Points with lunch included. Not bad for \$399.

[looktours.com](http://looktours.com), 866-286-3559

## BEST MUSEUM: RURAL

### Central Nevada Museum

Claiming its third consecutive Best of Nevada designation, Tonopah's Central Nevada Museum brings visitors face to face with the colorful history of the region and its early boomtowns. From Jim Butler, whose mule-aided silver discovery in 1900 led to Tonopah's boom, to the fighter and bomber pilots who trained at Tonopah Army Air Field during World War II, the museum's indoor and outdoor exhibits pay tribute to the people who shaped central Nevada.

In addition to displays that share the region's rich Western Shoshone, mining, ranching, and pioneer history, the museum also explores the area's geology and plant life. Authors, genealogists, and anyone interested in the general history of central Nevada can use the research library, which includes newspapers, photographs, and books. [tonopahnevada.com/CentralNevadaMuseum](http://tonopahnevada.com/CentralNevadaMuseum), 775-482-9676

To read more about the Central Nevada Museum, search "Tonopah Drug Co." at [nevadamagazine.com](http://nevadamagazine.com).







Pavilion Theater, Laughlin

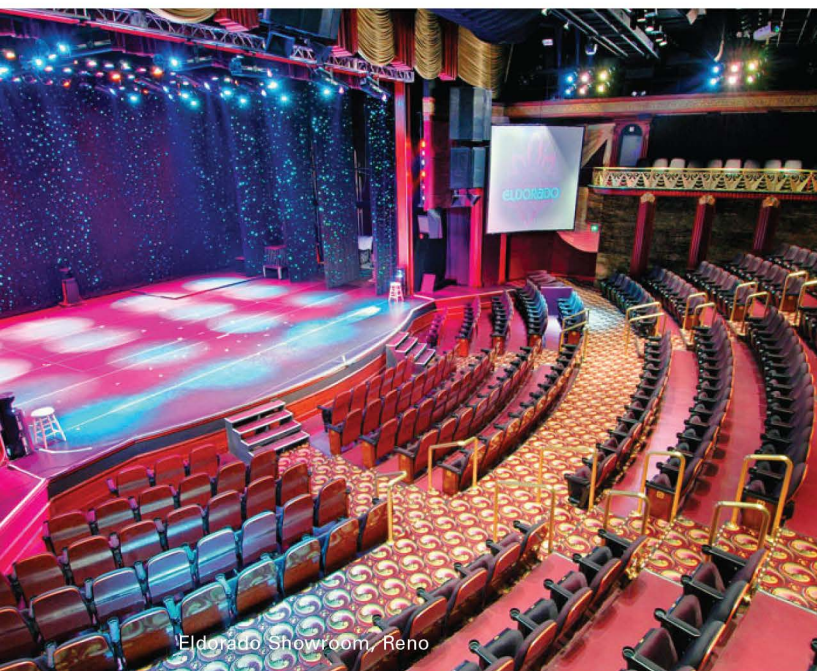
## **BEST WEDDING VENUE: RURAL** **Pavilion Theater at Tropicana Laughlin**

It seems that readers of *Nevada Magazine* are fans of big weddings. They must be, because Tropicana Laughlin's Pavilion Theater, which was voted Best Wedding Venue in this year's Best of Nevada, has 9,000 square feet for toasting, dancing, and reveling in newlywed bliss. In addition to playing host to couples' big days, the theater also hosts comedians, big-name entertainers, and even Broadway shows. [tropicanax.com](http://tropicanax.com), 800-343-4533

## **BEST SHOW: NORTH** **"Benise: Nights of Fire"** **at Eldorado Hotel Casino**

Mel Shields of *The Sacramento Bee* wrote in a February story that Benise (pronounced Buh-nes-say) is "a natural performer who knows when to dazzle with a smile and when to caress his guitar with sensuality." Apparently, our readers agree, because "Benise: Nights of Fire" was voted Best Show in this year's Best of Nevada readers' survey.

Though Benise and the show's accompanying dance troupe have long since left The Biggest Little City, the Eldorado Showroom plays host to myriad musical and theatrical performers from around the world. Ongoing and upcoming shows include the Michael Jackson tribute "Man in the Mirror" through August 3, the Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons tribute "Jersey Nights," August 7 through November 13, "3D Aladdin," November 20 through January 13, and for one night only, Friday, August 10, "The Ultimate Doo-Wop Show." [eldoradoreno.com](http://eldoradoreno.com), 800-879-8879



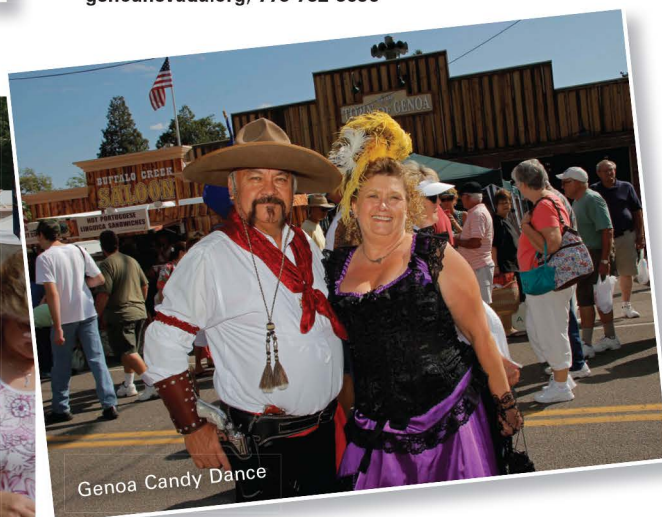
Eldorado Showroom, Reno

## **BEST EVENT: RURAL** **Genoa Candy Dance Arts & Crafts Faire**

Few events in the country, let alone Nevada, can claim the longevity of the annual end-of-summer Genoa Candy Dance Arts and Crafts Faire. The September 29-30 event celebrates its 92nd anniversary in 2012 with more than 300 craft and food vendors and thousands of attendees. Highlights of the event include live music and a dinner/dance. [genoanevada.org](http://genoanevada.org), 775-782-8696

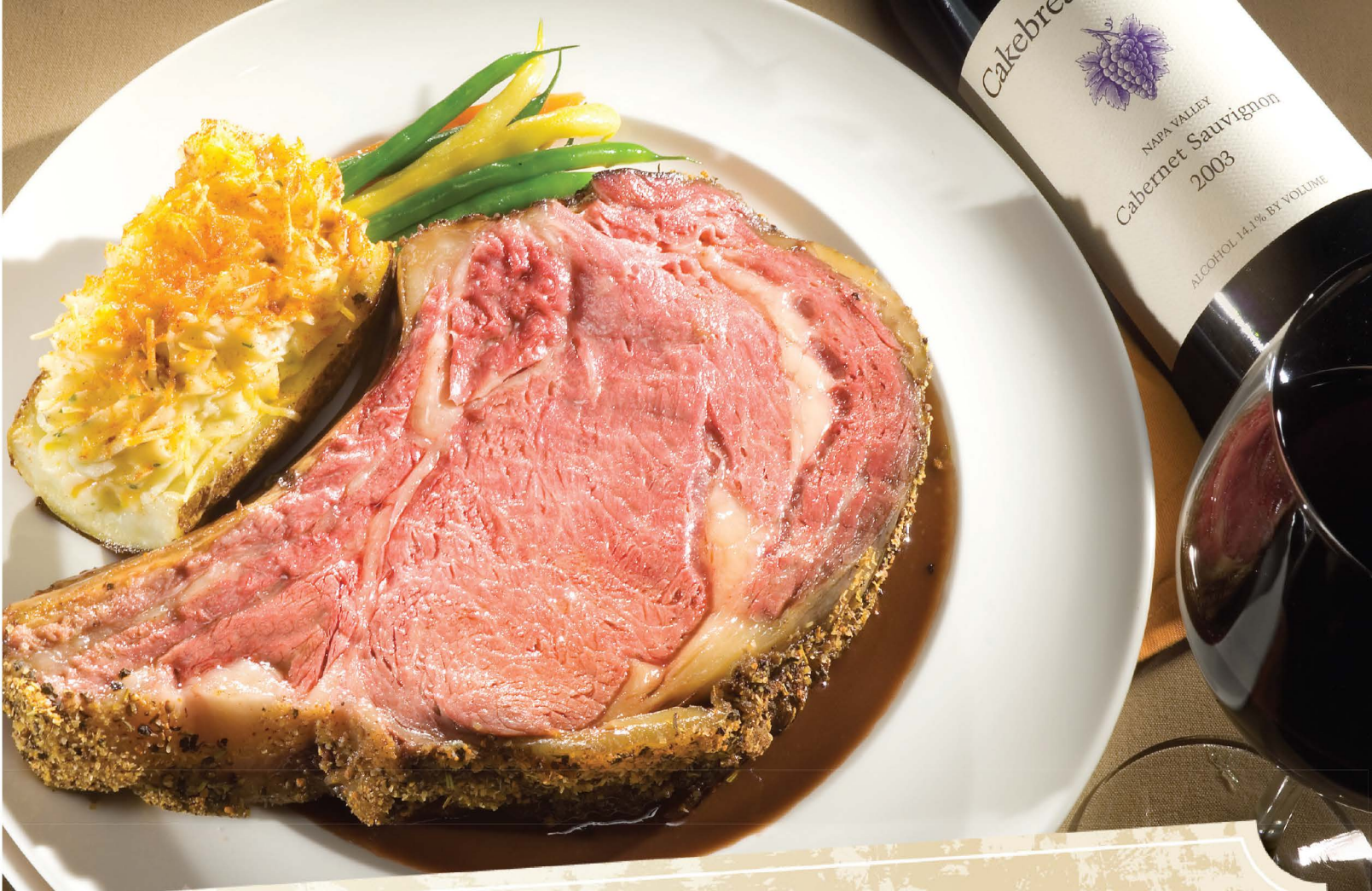


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harveystahoe.com

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**NORTH:** *(tie)* [Hot August Nights, Aug. 3-5 in South Lake Tahoe & Aug. 7-12 in Reno and Sparks](#)  
hotaugustnights.net  
[Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-off, Sparks](#)  
Aug. 29-Sept. 3  
nuggettribcookoff.com

**SOUTH:** [NASCAR Weekend, Las Vegas](#)  
March 8-10, 2013  
lvms.com

**RURAL:** *(tie)* [Genoa Candy Dance Arts & Crafts Faire](#)  
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[genoanevada.org/candydancefaire.htm](#)

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genoalakes.com

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mizpahhotel.net

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tonopahnevada.com/CentralNevadaMuseum

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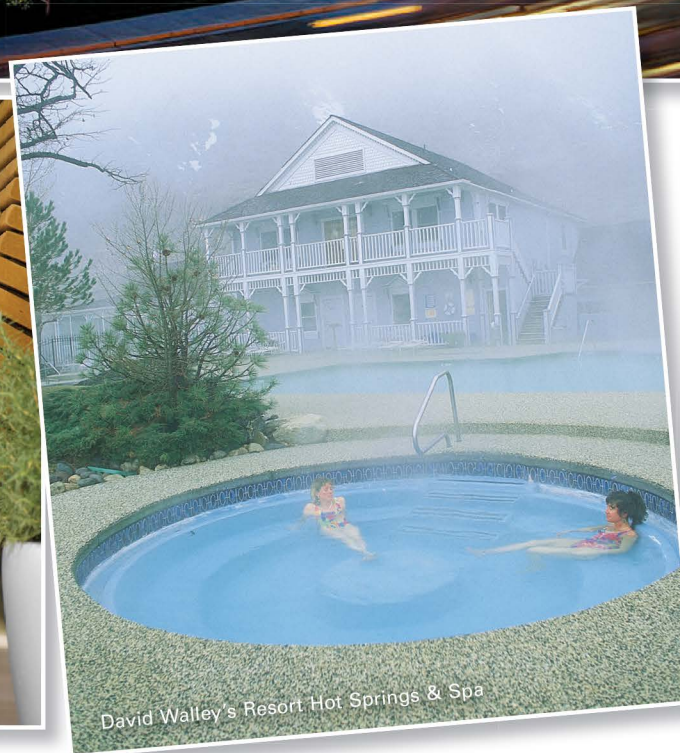




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**BEST CASINO, HOTEL, NIGHTCLUB, SPA,  
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Our readers must spend a lot of time at Reno's Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, as evidenced by the property's five 2012 Best of Nevada awards. And the Peppermill didn't come about getting such accolades by accident. Since its modest beginning in 1971 as the Peppermill Coffee Shop, the property has undergone nine expansions and secured a warm place in the hearts of Renoites and visitors alike.

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Caldarium Terrace, Peppermill Resort Spa Casino





The Mob Museum, Las Vegas



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Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum, Reno



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### **BEST PLACE TO TAKE THE KIDS: NORTH** **Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum**

The Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum opened last year as Reno's premier children's museum. Geared specifically toward children up to 12 years old, the facility's seven hands-on learning galleries aim to engage and educate. Interactive exhibits vary from science, art, and local history to green home building, outdoor and wildlife studies, and the process of invention.

The nearly 70,000-square-foot campus includes birthday party and multipurpose rooms, a gift shop, and administrative offices. [nvdnm.org](http://nvdnm.org), 775-786-1000

### **BEST PLACE TO TAKE THE KIDS: SOUTH** **Springs Preserve**

Southern Nevada's living museum, the Springs Preserve is a hands-on exploration of the Las Vegas Valley's human and natural history, from ancient times to the present. Interactive exhibits, botanical gardens, hiking and biking trails, and live animal shows provide hours of entertainment for children and adults. The adjacent, recently opened Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas ensures visitors at least a full day of fun and learning.

[springspreserve.org](http://springspreserve.org), 702-822-7700

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[mtrose.com](http://mtrose.com), 775-849-0704

### **BEST MUSEUM: SOUTH** **The Mob Museum**

Occupying Las Vegas' former federal courthouse and post office, which played host to the 1950 Kefauver hearings on organized crime, The Mob Museum opened earlier this year as the nation's premier museum dedicated to organized crime and law enforcement. The beautifully restored 1933 neo-classical building houses exhibits about organized crime around the world, mob dealings specific to Las Vegas, and how law enforcement battled (and still battles) organized crime and eventually pushed it from Las Vegas casinos. [themobmuseum.org](http://themobmuseum.org), 702-229-2734





## Nevada Skies

Montana might be known as Big Sky Country, but Nevada's skies are equally impressive, and Reno photographer Alan Wong has made a career out of capturing their glory. But his fascination with the heavens does not stop at still photography. "I had been working on starting a time-lapse video focusing on the stars and moon," Wong says, describing his New Year's photo of The Biggest Little City's casinos (above). "I figured it would be interesting to try some of the same techniques on the fireworks show in downtown Reno." You can see this image and others come to life in Wong's video, "Nevada Skies," a time-lapse/photography project "designed to highlight the many unique aspects of the Nevada sky and how they play into the local landscape," he says.

Watch the "Nevada Skies" video at [alanwongphotography.com/portfolio](http://alanwongphotography.com/portfolio).

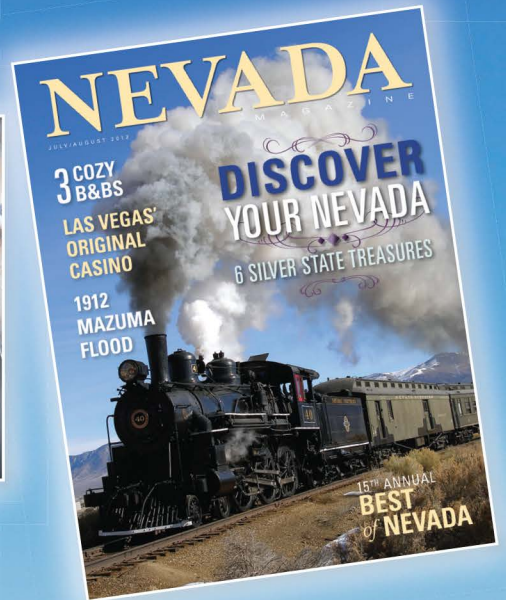
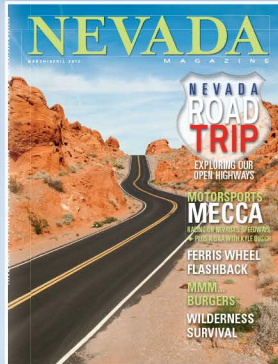
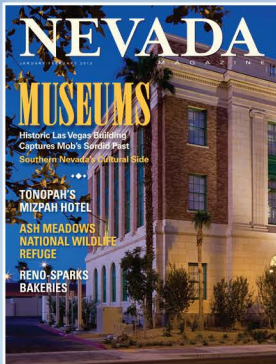
"Typically, when an image is viewed, it is a singular glimpse into what the photographer saw," Wong says. "By showing the full experience—the waiting and careful observation of the sky and light interactions—it gives the viewer that much more immersion."

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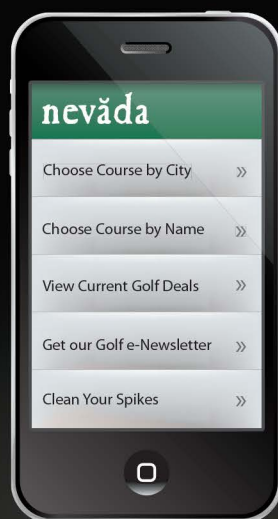
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